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Book Reviews

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PHILIP RISING

THERE must be a point in the not too distant future when the market for soccer annuals reaches saturation point. Already this year—and as I write we are barely into August—I have eight on my desk. And there is the promise of countless more to come.

I sincerely believe that they are all much of a muchness. The same pictures appear in many and after a short while the reading material develops a too familiar ring.

Here's a brief run down on those I have received to date:

Midland's Soccer Annual (Pelham Books, 16s.) with special articles by Terry Hennessey, Peter Shilton, Graham Williams, Ollie Conmy, Oscar Arce, Jeff Astle, Gordon Banks, Allan Clarke, Tommy Docherty, John Dunn, Peter Knowles, Stan Cullis, Harry Gregg and Trevor Hockey.

Northern Soccer Annual (Pelham Books, 16s.) with special articles by Jimmy Adamson, Stan Anderson, Jimmy Armfield, Alun Evans, Keith Farnsworth, Bryan Hamilton, Colin Harvey, Peter Howard, Alan Kelly, Barry Mealand, Joe Mercer and John Morris.

London Soccer Annual (Pelham Books, 16s.) with special articles by Peter Bonetti, Ron Boyce, Charlie Cooke, Eddie Firmani, Bert Head, Don Howe, Joe Kinnear, Frank McLintock, Ken Montgomery, Ian Morgan, Roger Morgan, Martin Peters and Dave Sexton.

George Best's Soccer Annual No. 2 (Pelham Books, 16s.) includes contributions from Alan Ball, Wyn Davies, Ian St. John, Denis Law, Alan Mullery, Bobby Charlton, Alex Stepney, Emlyn Hughes, Sir Matt Busby, Joe Royle and Rodney Marsh.

Denis Law's Book of Soccer No. 4 (Pelham Books, 16s.) includes contributions by George Best, Roger Hunt, John Giles, Bobby Charlton, Derek Dougan, Mike Summerbee, Brian Kidd, Alan Ball, Charlie Cooke, Malcolm Allison and Cliff Lloyd.

Alan Ball's International Soccer Book (Pelham Books, 16s.) includes articles by Gordon Banks, George Best, Ray Wilson, Bobby Charlton, Peter Thompson, Jon Sammels, Billy McNeill, Geoff Hurst, Denis Law, Norman Hunter, Nobby Stiles, Colin Bell and Joe Mercer.

John Greig's Book of Football (Pelham Books, 16s.) includes an introduction by Denis Law and articles by Alan Ball, Billy Bremner, Pat Crerand, George McLean, Billy McNeill and Ken Gallacher.

Soccer The International Way 1970 (Kaye and Ward, 16s.) edited by Gordon Jeffery thankfully maintains its usual high standard and this year features a team of writers including Sir Matt Busby, Oscar Malbernat, Colin Bell, Jim Armfield, Brian Glanville, Billy Bremner, Slava Svoboda, Dragan Dzajic, Harry New, Wlodzimierz Lubanski, Pierino Anastasi, Alun Evans, Alan Ball snr. and Jiri Vais.

Any true follower of world football will need no introduction to the **World Football Handbook (Mayflower, 5s.) compiled by Brian Glanville.** The 1970 edition is now available and is once again a veritable dossier of information spanning the whole complex network of football.

Details of all the World Cup tournaments to date, copious records of last season's various European club competitions, the World Club championship, British International Championship, 1968 Olympic Tournament, British internationals against foreign teams, inter-league matches, friendly internationals between foreign teams, the British domestic tournaments and much, much more.

It is, without doubt, a truly remarkable publication worth 5s. many times over.

Also from the typewriter of **Brian Glanville** comes **Soccer—A Panorama (Eyre & Spottiswoode, 36s.).**

In this panoramic history of soccer—which deals both with its development in Britain and its growth abroad—Brian traces the origins of the sport and then follows the early amateur game through the first professional sides to the present day.

Also a study of how Hugo Meisl nurtured his Austrian *Wunderteam*; how Vittorio Pozzo used the political climate of fascist Italy to build his World Cup winning teams; and how Brazil and Hungary brilliantly dominated soccer after the second World War.

Brian examines some of the game's great individuals; and he brings to his narrative the imaginative insight and sense of drama of the novelist, and the authority and enthusiasm of one of the game's best known commentators.

Seventy-five Years of Southern League Football (Pelham Books, 42s.) by Lionel Francis provides a detailed history of the League. This book is a serious and final attempt to make sure that there is a carefully documented history of the Southern League and its clubs, giving as many facts as can be discovered before the records are lost forever.

The Crystal Palace Story by Roy Peskett (15s.) is not only a tribute to the team that won promotion to the First Division last season but also a carefully compiled history of the club and its various teams through the ages.

Champions of Soccer (Pelham Books, 30s.) by Kenneth Wheeler. From his privileged position as friend and confidant of soccer stars for more than 30 years, Kenneth Wheeler is in the unique position to answer the many questions you are dying to ask about your Saturday afternoon heroes. He does so in fascinating detail in this book of soccer biographies written from a fresh angle.

All About Football (W. H. Allen, 20s.) by Joseph Edmundson, tells the story of this world-wide game from its very beginning right down to the present day. There are chapters on "How it began", "How it developed", "Famous Cup Finals" and "The World Cup". This book provides a fund of information in simple form which will appeal to every boy who plays or is interested in this great national game.

READERS' FORUM

I WOULD like to point out that Newcastle United, in their Fairs Cup exploits, were the best supported team in the competition (with the doubtful exception of Glasgow Rangers).

Does Leslie Vernon think that all those fans who went to St. James's Park expected Newcastle to lose each time? He states in his Hungarian Newsletter (August issue) that "even the most optimistic fans were surprised with Newcastle's resounding success," and he further claims that Newcastle's goals were all flukes. He mentions none of their outstanding qualities (i.e. tenacity, work-rate and magnificent team spirit, as well as good football).

In their first season in Europe they have shown a new refreshing attitude towards away games, they have discarded the dull, negative approach so prevalent in two-legged competitions and against all the expectations of European journalists and the British press they have carried off the Fairs Cup.

In recent seasons such notable teams as Everton, Chelsea and Liverpool have all tried unsuccessfully to win this competition. Last season Leeds United won the Fairs Cup, a great achievement, and they were hailed as champions. The Fairs Cup cannot be such a third-rate competition as your writers would have us believe if so many great names of European football enter each year.

The British press, your otherwise outstanding periodical and the BBC should all now acknowledge the team which is most likely to win the championship this coming season—Newcastle United.

RICHARD SIMPSON
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

REPLY

LET me first say how much I enjoy reading your superb magazine, a constant habit for seven years.

In reply to Arthur Rotmil's notion that Britain has the worst type of soccer hooligans, may I point out that as yet, in Britain, a referee has not been shot to death in the middle of the pitch, other spectators murdered and games abandoned by smoke bomb explosions, as has happened in Greece; neither has the referee needed to be rescued by helicopter from the middle of the pitch as happened in Palermo, Italy recently; nor the goalposts, nets and flags burned to the ground, an event which took place in Naples a few years ago.

May I suggest more articles similar to the excellent one on the Spanish League season 1968-69 in the July 1969 issue. This is the kind of information that only your magazine can supply.

B. HALLARD,
Basingstoke.

(We are planning to include similar articles on a number of European countries next year—Editor.)

AVID

HAVING been an avid reader of your excellent magazine for a number of years, I was staggered at your lack of editing of David Miller's article, "On Reflection" in the June 1969 issue.

He writes—quote—"But if there is a difference between the North and South it is that the South still cares about how a team wins. It's the same with money. In the North it doesn't matter too much how you get your money; the important thing is to have it." Later—quote—"The South knows Leeds is a fine team. They would just like them to show more of a generous spirit now and again."

These paragraphs lead to the following conclusions:

1. The northern half of England consists of millions of unscrupulous, unprincipled, money-grabbing people.
2. Southern teams, in contrast to the northern teams, play attractive, cultured soccer at all times, combined of course with fair play.
3. Leeds should let a southern team beat them now and again.

In reply to these points, I would like to say:

1. This is too preposterous to be true. It sounds like Hitler writing about the Jews, instead of a soccer writer writing about a housewife in Bradford.
2. Manchester United and City, Everton, Liverpool, and Blackpool of the Matthews era play less attractive soccer than Chelsea and Arsenal, etc.? Remember that Arsenal introduced the stopper centre-half, and their 1950 team was a real goal-poaching outfit. They really did "care how a team wins".
3. Perhaps next season Leeds will let a southern team win. . .

Please then, return to soccer writing. Points like item 1 above are not worthy of your magazine, and are based on, and reveal a complete abundance of, ignorance on behalf of the writer.

B. OAKLEY,
Ontario, Canada.

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Luigi Riva, the Italian outside-left, tries a spectacular overhead kick at goal during the World Cup match with East Germany. The match finished as a 2–2 draw. (Met)

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COMMENT

WITH the recent qualification of Uruguay, the first South American country to reach the 1970 World Cup finals, there were at the time of writing four through to the last 16 of the world's greatest football competition.

With hosts Mexico and holders England already there, the first country to qualify through actually playing was Belgium and in the next few weeks most of the other countries still with a chance will have decided just who will fill the remaining 12 places.

Readers to "World Soccer" will know that our coverage of the qualifying stages, keeping a monthly check on the results and bringing you the background news to the stories involved, is aimed at a continuous flow of information right up to the start of the final rounds themselves.

by THE EDITOR

Now plans are well advanced for dealing with the actual occasion itself when our team of correspondents led by myself will be giving what we fervently hope will be a comprehensive coverage of the finals.

Apart from this important event next summer, there will be a gradual increase in the number of articles concerning the World Cup and our experts will be analysing team strengths and possible tactics which will be featured in the competition by the participants.

A cross-section of opinion throughout the magazine from such names as Brian Glanville, David Miller, Eric Batty and Roger Macdonald will produce views in depth of the finals, thus producing a balanced outlook on the competition. Backing the experts will be the usual statistical information provided by our popular Soccertistics and Dateline Diary columns.

It is our intention to build up unrivalled coverage of the World Cup up to, during, and after the finals, in Mexico and we can assure readers that the coming months will be packed with interesting items in words and pictures.

World Soccer's

DATELINE DIARY

URUGUAY DEFEAT ECUADOR

JULY 6

GUAYAQUIL (Ecuador): Uruguay beat Ecuador 2-0 in a World Cup qualifying round match here today. Half-time score was 1-0. Ruben Bareno scored after 32 minutes and Oscar Subia added the second after 58.

JULY 8

GENEVA: The draw for the European Cup was made here today. It is: Preliminary match: Palloseura Turku (Finland) v. BK Copenhagen (Denmark). First round: Hibernian (Malta) v. Spartak Trnava (Czechoslovakia); TSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) v. Ferencvaros (Hungary); Benfica (Portugal) v. Turku or BK Copenhagen; Celtic (Scotland) v. Basle (Switzerland); Fiorentina (Italy) v. Oester Vaexjoe (Sweden); Standard Liege (Belgium) v. Nenduri Tirani (Albania); KR Reykjavik (Iceland) v. Feyenoord (Netherlands); Bayern Munich (West Germany) v. St. Etienne (France); Real Madrid (Spain) v. Olympiakos Nicosia (Cyprus); AC Milan (Italy) v. FC Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg); Austria Vienna v. Dinamo Kiev (USSR); Leeds United (England) v. Lyn Oslo (Norway); Crvena Zeezda Belgrade (Yugoslavia) v. Linfield (N. Ireland); Uta Arad (Rumania) v. Legia Warsaw (Poland); Galatasaray Istanbul (Turkey) v. Waterford (Eire); Vorwarts (East Germany) v. Panathinaikos Athens (Greece). The preliminary matches must be played before September 1 and the first round will take place on September 17 and October 1. The holders, AC Milan, who are playing in a competition in the USA on October 2 will play their first round matches on September 10 and 24.

GENEVA: The draw for the European Cup Winners Cup was made here today. It is: Preliminary match: Rapid Vienna (Austria) v. Torpedo Moscow (USSR). First round: Cardiff City (Wales) v. Mjoendalen (Norway); Magdeburg (East Germany) v. MTK Budapest (Hungary); Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) v. Olympique Marseille (France); Rangers (Scotland) v. Steua Bucharest (Rumania); Dinamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) v. Slovan Bratislava (Czechoslovakia); Sliema Wanderers (Malta) v. Norrkoeping (Sweden); Goeztepe Izmir (Turkey) v. Union Sportif (Luxembourg); Rapid Vienna or Torpedo Moscow v. PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands); Arads (N. Ireland) v. AS Roma; Lierse SK (Belgium) v. Apoel Nicosia (Cyprus); IBV Reykjavik (Iceland) v. Levski Sofia (Bulgaria); Frem Copenhagen (Denmark) v. St. Gallen (Switzerland); winners of Greek Cup v. Gornik (Poland); Academica (Portugal) v. Palloseura Kuopio (Finland); Atletico Bilbao (Spain) v. Manchester City (England); Shamrock Rovers (Eire) v. Gelsenkirchen Schalke 04 (West Germany). Dates as European Cup.

GENEVA: The European Football Union today handed out a stern warning to Manchester United over crowd behaviour in their European Cup matches last season. Newcastle United and Glasgow Rangers were also rapped over riotous behaviour by fans in their Inter-Cities Fairs Cup semi-final.

BOSTON: Pelé has signed a contract to promote shaving products in some 20 countries of Europe, Africa and Latin America, Gillette announced here today. Pelé, reputed to be the world's highest paid athlete, will help promote a sponsored contest in connection with the World Cup finals in Mexico next June.

JULY 9

MOSCOW: Lev Yashin, the legendary 40-year-old Russian goalkeeper, today played his 300th game for Moscow Dynamo in the Soviet Championship and kept his goal intact as Dynamos won 1-0 against Ararat.

ROSTOCK: East Germany beat United Arab Republic 7-0 (3-0) in an international here today. Frenzel (3), Sparwasser (2), Vogel and Loewe scored for East Germany before a crowd of 10,000.

ATHENS: Panathinaikos won the Greek Cup on the toss of a coin tonight after their final game with Olympiakos Piraous had ended 1-1 after extra time. There was no score at half-time. Panathinaikos had already won the Greek League title and will represent Greece in the European Cup. Olympiakos will play in the Cup Winners

GUSTAV STAREK of Bayern Munich and Austria. (M)

OTTO FRASSDORF of ASK Vorwärts. (M)

Cup, meeting Gornik Zagreb in the first round.

JULY 10

MADRID: A young Spanish wife today continued her lonely vigil at the hospital bedside of her husband, former Atletico Madrid player Miguel Martinez, who has been in a coma for five years. Martinez complained of feeling unwell in a Montevideo hotel on July 11, 1964, while on tour with Atletico. A doctor was called but he collapsed almost as soon as the doctor arrived and has never regained consciousness. He was flown back to Spain but doctors there say there is nothing they can do and short of a miracle he is unlikely ever to come out of the coma. The cause of Martinez's illness is unknown. He received a blow on the head some time before while playing for his former club, Betis, but appeared to have recovered. Meanwhile his wife Pepita refuses to give up hope. She has watched at his bedside for five years, caring for him and talking to him, although she knows he cannot hear her. Sometimes she is joined by their five-year-old son Juan Miguel—whom his father has never seen.

MILAN: Italy's wealthy clubs are expected to spend a record 20,000 million lire (£13 million) in transfer fees this week buying players for the forthcoming season. Under Italian Football Federation ruling, all transfers, which are not allowed during the season itself, must be concluded by midnight today. For the past week, at Milan's luxury Grand Hotel Gallia, clubs have been bidding vast transfer sums in what amounts to an annual supermarket of players.

Transfer fees began climbing to their present levels when top clubs like Juventus, Internazionale Milan and AC Milan used the money from enormous gate returns and support from growing local industries to buy international stars from abroad. But after the Italian national side was knocked out of the 1966 World Cup finals by North Korea, the Football Federation banned the clubs from importing more foreigners, hoping to improve the standard of Italian-born players.

Since the ban, prices for Italian-born players have shot up drastically. The pricetag for any international player starts, this year, at 500 million lire (over £300,000) and for an international star can go well over 1,000 million lire (£650,000). This week Inter Milan have already made an official opening offer of 1,300 million lire (£870,000) for Luigi Riva of Cagliari. On the following night three further transfers were made for a total of 1,500 million lire (£1 million). The Franco-Argentinian centre-forward, Nester Combin, has been bought by AC Milan for around 520 million lire (£350,000).

JULY 12

HONG KONG: The Hong Kong government said today it will not allow Rhodesia's national soccer team to enter the colony. The Rhodesian side, in a letter to the Hong Kong Football Association, had requested to play a game in the colony during a stopover on its way to South Korea for a World Cup qualifying round tournament in October. But a government spokesman said today the 28-member Rhodesian party would be refused entry to the colony. The team may not even be allowed to alight from its aircraft. The ban follows the Commonwealth Secretary's directive declaring all Southern Rhodesia passports invalid following United Nations sanctions, the spokesman said.

WUSTERHAUSEN: The United Arab Republic today drew 1-1 with an East German selection team. Ali Ismail scored for the UAR and Seguin for East Germany. Attendance: 3,000.

BERNE: UEFA today warned teams that they might have a match ruled a 3-0 victory to the opposing side if unruly crowd behaviour by their supporters forced the referee to stop the match. In a strongly worded appeal to European clubs for sporting behaviour, UEFA told them they would be held responsible for their supporters' conduct in and outside the stadium. The appeal, and the trenchant warnings that went with it, follow a meeting of UEFA's Disciplinary Committee in Geneva this week, during which Manchester United, Glasgow Rangers and AC Milan were all warned over their supporters' behaviour. UEFA said penalties would be tougher right along the line and if a UEFA-sponsored match was halted because the crowd threw rockets or other missiles, the offending side could have the match ruled 3-0 against it.

"Still other extra sanctions may hang over the offending club," the appeal said. The throwing of rockets, fireworks or other missiles, or supporters swarming on to the pitch, even after the match, could cost a club its place in a UEFA contest or lead to its ground being barred for UEFA-sponsored matches. "Referees and linesmen will be instructed to take stricter charge of the game from the very first minute and when necessary to take unpopular decisions. They will be instructed to break off the game if there are incidents or a threatening situation which in their opinion endanger the safety of players, referee and linesmen, or prevent the game continuing normally," the appeal said.

"A match may not begin or continue when persons not taking part in the game are on the pitch. In such a case the organising commission will decide on the allocation of points, the recognition of the result and the disciplinary committee will lay down the penalty necessary."

MILAN: A barrage of abuse and tomatoes went up from 2,000 disappointed soccer fans as the deadline for the transfer of players expired at midnight. The fans had been waiting outside the Grand Hotel Gallia to hear what deals had gone through between Italy's top clubs, who have been bargaining for new players for the beginning of next season over the past week.

This year, despite a huge turnover estimated at 15,000 million lire (£10 million) many closely-watched negotiations for first division stars were not completed. In fact, last night's top price was paid for Gianpietro Marchetti, 20, who was sold by Atalanta to Juventus for 300 million lire (£200,000). This was a modest price compared with the 1,850 million lire (£1,200,000) asked for three Naples players—centre-half Antonio Juliano, Italian-Brazilian centre-forward Jose Altafini and goalkeeper Dino Zoff.

The highest prices paid during the week were for Roberto Vieri, sold to Juventus by Sampdoria for 640 million lire (£426,000), Roberto Boninsegna to Inter-Milan from Cagliari for 600 million lire (£400,000) and Nester Combin from Turin to AC Milan.

JULY 13

PORTO ALEGRA: The referee of a friendly between Estudiantes de la Plata and Internacional of Brazil said today he thought the Argentina players behaved like animals. The referee, Agomar Martins, said: "I agree with Sir Alf Ramsey when he said the Argentinians were animals. I only let the game run to full time in respect of the public, who had paid good money to see the world champions. But this riff-raff were spoiling for a fight." Estudiantes player Auirre Soares was sent off for trying to attack referee Martins during the match, which ended in a 4-2 victory for Internacional.

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CASABLANCA: Moroccan international Ahmed Reddani died in hospital here today after being stabbed in a café brawl. Reddani, who played for the Casablanca club, was stabbed 15 times by his cousin after a heated argument about football last night, according to police.

SANTIAGO: Uruguay drew 0-0 with Chile here today in a foul-strewn World Cup qualifying round match. Uruguay's point gives them a two-point lead in Group 12. Before a 75,000 crowd in the National Stadium, the Chileans attacked almost non-stop throughout the game but could not break the Uruguayan defence, in which goalkeeper Mazurkiewicz gave an outstanding performance. Argentina referee Aurelio Bosolino had a difficult time keeping tempers under control. In the second half he called both captains together in a bid to stamp out increasing violence. In the final minute Zubia of Uruguay was sent off.

PALERMO (Sicily): Brazilian-born Jose Altafini was today threatened with court proceedings for allegedly making an obscene gesture at the crowd during a rowdy match here last March between Naples and Palermo. The Palermo Public Prosecutor recommended in a report that Altafini should be charged with obscene acts and insulting the honour of the spectators. He also recommended charges of violence and abuse and resistance to the police against 13 Palermo fans who are already in custody and similar charges against two others who have not been detained.

The match, which took place last March 16, almost erupted into a riot after Palermo lost 3-2 to Naples in a closely-fought first division game. A hail of bottles and stones were thrown by the Palermo fans and a police helicopter had to land on the pitch to rescue the referee and linesmen from the spectators.

FRANKFURT: All 71,925 tickets for the October 22 World Cup match between West Germany and Scotland have already been sold, a Federal Football Association official said today. He added that this was a record demand for an international match in this country, surpassing even the first post-war encounter in Stuttgart against Switzerland. A regional league official said ticket requests had been delivered by the post "in laundry baskets full", and his association had found its 20,000 allotment "only a drop in the bucket". Scotland sent 4,000 advance bookings.

JULY 16

MOSCOW: Lev Yashin will not retire this year as originally planned but will play on as long as needed. Yashin, goalkeeping star of the 1966 World Cup, planned to mark his retirement this season with a match between teams comprising several of the world's best players. But he said today: "I shall play as long as the Soviet national team and my club, Moscow Dynamo, continue to need me.

JULY 17

ZURICH: FIFA today called El Salvador and Haiti to a special meeting in Curacao on August 2 and 3 to fix dates for their World Cup preliminary round matches. FIFA said it had called the meeting because the two countries had been unable to agree on dates. The winners will qualify for the final rounds in Mexico next year.

MEXICO CITY: Twenty-seven per cent of the 1970 World Cup tickets which went on sale here this week have been sold in the past three days. Announcing this here tonight, a spokesman for the organising committee said reports that tickets had all been sold were incorrect. Mexican newspapers reported this week that some *Banco de Commercio* ticket offices had closed down after selling tickets for only 15 minutes and their managers had announced that no more tickets were available.

The committee spokesman said several ticket counters closed down because they were unable to cope with the rush. "All the offices are open now and selling at a steady rate," he added. Last week the committee president, Guillermo Canedo, announced that only 60 per cent of all tickets for the World Cup would go on sale this week. The remaining 40 per cent would be sold ten days after the draw on January 10 next year.

JULY 19

SYDNEY: Australia beat Greece 1-0 with a penalty scored by "Otti" Abonyi in the 61st minute of their friendly here today.

JULY 20

MONTEVIDEO: Uruguay took another big step towards qualifying for the 1970 World Cup finals by beating Ecuador 1-0 today. Uruguay scored the only goal of the game through Carlos Anchetta in the 77th minute. Attendance: 50,000.

JULY 21

TRONDHEIM: Norway beat Iceland 2-1 after leading 2-0 at half-time in a friendly international here today.

VANCOUVER: Ipswich Town defeated Vancouver Spartans before 5,500 spectators last night. Spartans, an amateur club, scored first through Johnny Miller but Ipswich hit back with goals from Ron Wigg (2), Peter Morris, Frank Brogan (pen.), Charlie Woods.

NASSAU: England's amateur team opened their Caribbean tour with a 4-0 win over Bahamas here last night. Denis Moore, Peter Deadman, Mike Mellows and Trevor Bladon were the scorers.

ZURICH: Tunisia's protest against the result by drawing lots after its replay against Morocco in the preliminary rounds of the World Cup has been rejected it was announced today. FIFA said the protest was rejected after "all official reports and supplementary answers requested from those concerned" had been examined. Morocco was awarded a place in the next round when lots were drawn after the replay against Tunisia was drawn 2-2 after extra time. They had drawn 0-0 in each of their previous matches. Morocco must now meet Sudan and Nigeria and one of the three will qualify for Mexico.

JULY 23

BRISBANE: Greek inside-left Kritikoupolous was sent off for hitting an opponent in the last minute of tonight's international between Australia and Greece. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. Greece led 2-0 at the interval with goals from George Dedes (17 and 44) but Bill Vojtek (49) and Ray Baartz (55) got Australia back on level terms in the second half.

JULY 24

DAR ES SALAAM: A friendly between Tanzanian champions Young Africans and Coastal Union of Tanga was abandoned when one of the players angrily picked up the ball and walked off the pitch.

MEXICO CITY: Mexico is to issue a 25-peso silver coin, worth about 16s. 6d. sterling, to commemorate the 1970 World Cup. An ear of wheat on the coin will pay tribute to the high-yielding dwarf wheat developed by Mexico and now used in many parts of the world, including India and Pakistan.

MOSCOW: Eduard Streltsov, one-time boy wonder of Soviet soccer brought back to the national team three years after serving a jail term for rape, has again been sacked from his club side for violating team discipline, it was reported today. The 31-year-old forward, who first played for the Soviet Union at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, had been voted the country's Player of the Year for the last two seasons in succession. A report in the trade union newspaper *Trud* said Streltsov, wildly popular among Moscow soccer fans, had been "freed from playing in the collective", of Moscow Torpedo. But soccer sources said he had been expelled from the team, last year's cup winners, for "violations of discipline".

As a brilliant young goal-scoring forward, Streltsov climbed rapidly into the national side in 1956 from junior football at the age of 19. But in 1958 he was sent to a labour camp for 12 years on rape charges. Moscow newspaper reports of his trial portrayed him as a golden boy who had let fame go to his head. The court was told

that team discipline meant nothing to him and that he had engaged in frequent drunken carousing. But in 1963 he was released on parole and set to work to restore his shattered career. Thousands of fans who had not forgotten his cannonball shot flocked to see him play his first come-back game for Torpedo's reserve team. By 1965 he was back in the Torpedo first team and in 1966 was once again appearing for the national side in minor internationals. But he hit a bad patch of form before the 1966 World Cup in England and was left at home.

JULY 25

LEIPZIG: East Germany and the USSR drew 2-2 tonight after drawing 1-1 at the interval. Loewe (7) and Frenzel (88) scored for East Germany, Pusach (35) and Tshmelski (59) for the USSR. Attendance: 90,000.

JULY 27

MELBOURNE: Greece won the third and final international against Australia by 2-0 here today. Greece led 1-0 at the interval after a goal by George Dedes. Inside-forward Demetre Papaionnou, brought on as a replacement, put the result beyond doubt with a goal early in the second half.

LOURENCO MARQUES (Mozambique): Racing Club of Buenos Aires and Sporting Club of Lisbon drew 0-0 in a friendly here today.

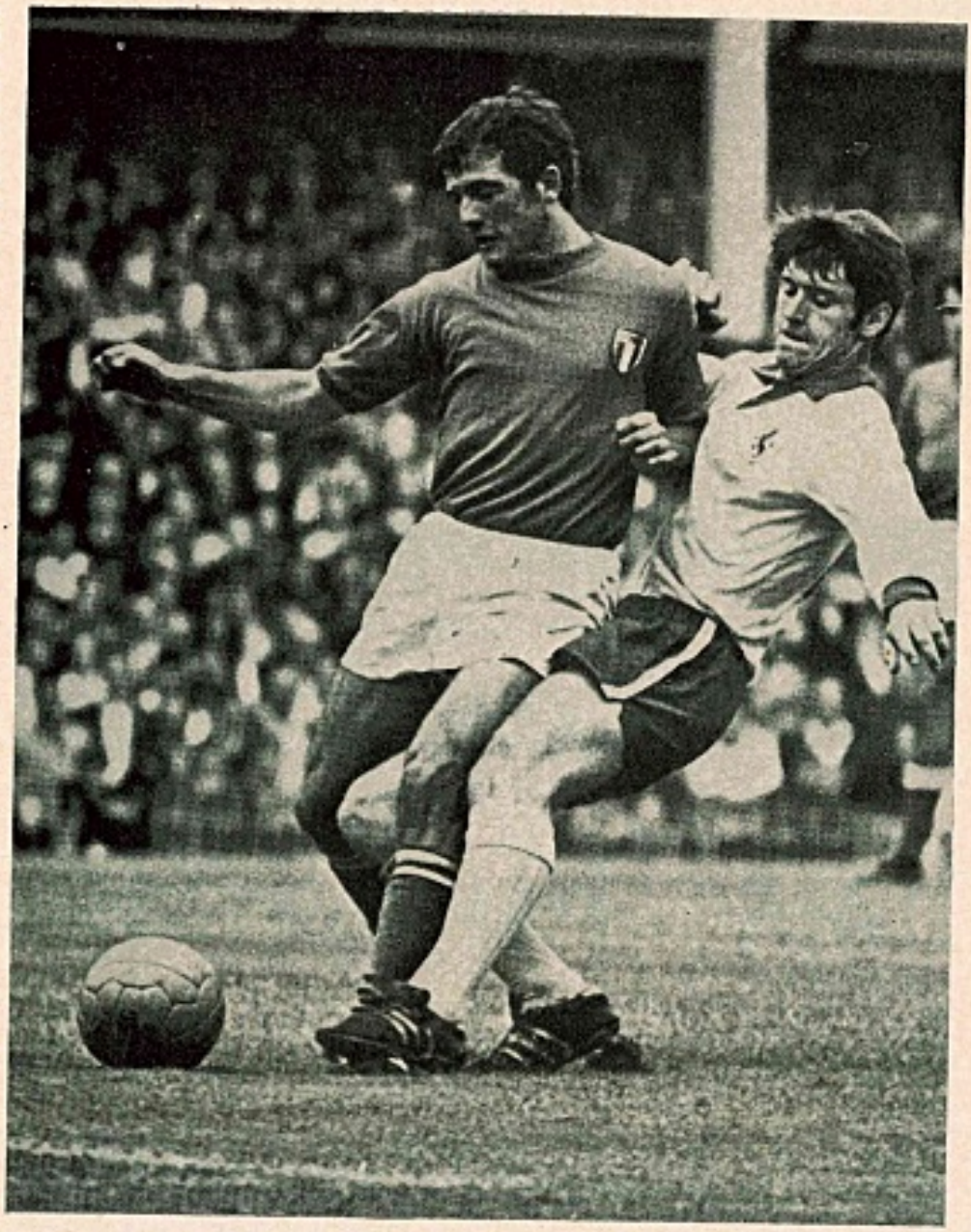
BELGRADE: Sao Paulo of Brazil beat Red Star of Belgrade 3-0 in a friendly here today. Bene (49), Baba (57) and Je Roberto (88) were the scorers.

LISBON: Benfica have not yet come to terms with Eusebio, who is demanding a record fee to renew his contract which expires next Thursday. Eusebio has called in a lawyer, who said today the 28-year-old star had made a straightforward proposal to the club: five million escudos (£73,500) for three years. Ten per cent of all contracts signed by Benfica for friendly games with foreign clubs. A monthly salary of 9,000 escudos (£130)—the same as his fellow players. Bonus payments for wins. All taxes paid by the club. The club's board of directors has refused Eusebio's demands and has made a counter-proposal: £55,000 without any rake-off for friendly matches. Meanwhile, Eusebio has calmly started training with his team-mates. A decision is expected within the next few days as Benfica leave for Lourenco Marques to play in an international tournament.

BUENOS AIRES: Argentina's hopes of qualifying for the 1970 World Cup suffered an unexpected blow today when they went down to a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Bolivia. The Argentinians, affected by the 3,600 metre (11,800 feet) altitude of the Bolivian capital La Paz, and Bolivia's lively attack, matched the home team for the first 43 minutes but slumped badly in the second half, yielding two goals.

Diaz (16), Blacutt (51) and Alvarez (60) scored for Bolivia; Tarabini (27) for Argentina. Attendance: 35,000.

In a Group XII qualifying match, Chile scored a convincing 4-1 victory over Ecuador after a goalless first half. Olivares (2), Valdes (2) scored for Chile; Macias for Ecuador. Attendance: 75,000. Colombia opened their challenge in Group XI with a 3-0 win over Venezuela in Bogota.



FACCHINELLO of the Italian Under-21 team.

ACCRA: Accra Great Olympics drew 1-1 with the Brazilian club Palmeiras here today but later Ghanaian officials admitted that the local club had 13 players on the field when they scored their equaliser. The Ghanaian Amateur Football Association today apologised for the "unfortunate incident", explaining that two extra players had sneaked on to the pitch pretending to replace injured colleagues.

ROME: Eusebio would be welcome to join Italian club Roma if he left Benfica, a Roma official said here today. The official was commenting on a report that a £400,000 offer had been made for Eusebio, who is disputing his contract with Benfica. He said he knew nothing of an arrangement for Eusebio to meet Roma's trainef, Helenio Herrera, here on August 1. The Italian League has imposed a ban on overseas players before 1970 but the official said the ban did not prevent talking to foreign players.

PESCARA (Italy): The 8,500 angry citizens of Citta Sant' Angelo near here went on a general strike today to protest at the disqualification of the local soccer team from the fourth division. Shops stayed shut and housewives kept their shutters and doors closed while soccer fans held agitated discussions in the streets. During the weekend the population twice occupied the town hall and symbolically "kidnapped" the sympathetic mayor. Demonstrators started small fires, staged deafening, klaxon-blaring motorcades through Pescara and drove with loudspeaker vans through streets urging people to protest against the "injustice". A Civil Agitation committee last night sent delegations to Florence and Rome to try and persuade soccer authorities to change their minds. The club had been dropped from the fourth division calendar for the coming season because its pitch was not up to standard. Hundreds of volunteers have been racing against the clock to get it

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"YOU MUST SEE MY POINT OF VIEW"

EVERY player has a price, but for 17 agonising days this summer, Eusebio da Silva Ferreira's has been too high for Benfica, and Benfica's has been too low for Eusebio. So with the Black Panther's present contract ending on July 31, the dispute over the new one has put Benfica's whole international status in danger, and Europe buzzing with rumours of a transfer fee that would dwarf even the £440,000 paid to Pierino Anastasi.

The news that Benfica and Eusebio were at loggerheads broke on July 18 when the club directors said that his financial demands for a new three-year contract were "incompatible with the standards of Portuguese soccer". Eusebio wanted a signing-on fee of 7½ million escudos (by my reckoning £109,374—no less), 10,000 escudos a month by way of salary (£131), 10 per cent of the gate money in international friendlies abroad, and bonuses of £1,500 should Benfica win either the Portuguese Championship or the European Cup, and £1,200 should they win the Portuguese Cup, provided in each case that he was the leading scorer.

When negotiations temporarily broke down Eusebio engaged one of Lisbon's top financial lawyers, Silva Resende, to get some sort of offer out of the club—which he managed on July 23. Benfica tried to confuse things by basing their figures on a six-year contract. They were prepared to lease him an apartment building with an annual profit of almost £3,500, to pay him £131 a month salary, and to discuss further the question of bonuses for winning competitions—in all a long way short of Eusebio's demands.

On the way most people interpreted Portuguese law and the FA regulations, Eusebio seemed to be in a strong position. Under FA rules any player with one club for ten years or more (which he had been) and who had played in 30 or more internationals (which he had) was entitled to a free transfer. But Benfica's lawyers dug around for a while and discovered that under Portuguese law no player born in the Portuguese Empire (which includes Eusebio's birthplace, Lourenco Marques in Mozambique) could be the subject of a transfer to a foreign club—whether for a fee or not—without special government sanction. The question then posed was: Would Eusebio be allowed to go, or would he refuse to play if he wasn't?

Three more days passed and Benfica and Eusebio submitted what they called the "final conditions". Benfica offered a signing-on fee of 2,850,000 escudos (£45,451), monthly wages of 9,000 escudos (£125), and between two and five per cent of the gate money in international friendlies, according to the importance of the games.

Eusebio wanted five million escudos (£72,917), 9,000 escudos per month, ten per cent of gate money in friendly internationals whether home or away, and now payment of all his taxes—which would have set back Benfica another 12 per cent. But he was giving way a little: he dropped his demands for special bonuses for the championship, cup and European Cup.

There were now just 36 hours to go before Eusebio's contract expired, and in that time both sides shifted ground again. Just before that deadline Eusebio said he was prepared to settle for £66,000, while Benfica offered £51,000. The gap had been reduced from something ridiculous to something negotiable.

Meanwhile Benfica departed on a short summer tour in, ironically, Mozambique—leaving Eusebio behind to train on his own at the Stadio da Luz. They went off to take part in a four-club tournament involving arch-rivals Sporting (who had been casting greedy eyes in Eusebio's direction), the local club US Sporting and Racing of Buenos Aires. Their match with Racing was so rough that the Portuguese press even forgot Eusebio for a day: one of the Argentinian players, Diaz Ruben, was sent off for spitting in the referee's face just before half-time. Benfica won the game with a goal from Praia in the 77th minute following a dribble and a pass from Jose Augusto.

Back in Lisbon Eusebio told me on the telephone the background to the dispute.

"All this is extremely unpleasant. I don't want you to think I am excessively greedy. But you must see my point of view.

"I will be 28 next January, which is no longer young for a footballer. I must think of my family's future: I have a wife, two daughters and another child on the way, apart from my relatives in Mozambique.

"My present pay is simply not enough. You know, I get £4,400 a year—quite a lot by Portuguese standards perhaps, but not

FLASHBACK . . .

One of Eusebio's happier memories—he receives congratulations from other members of the Portugal team after scoring a vital World Cup goal against North Korea in 1966.

WORLD DIARY

Roger Macdonald talks to · EUSEBIO

by comparison with the salaries in Italy and even England.

"I do not want to leave Benfica, but unless we can reach an agreement I will have no choice. I have made many sacrifices for them over the past nine years, and for Portugal—you could say I have given my body and soul to the team. Last year I played for them in several matches even though my knee was terribly painful, just to keep up the team's morale. I think, to be frank, they have had me on the cheap for too long."

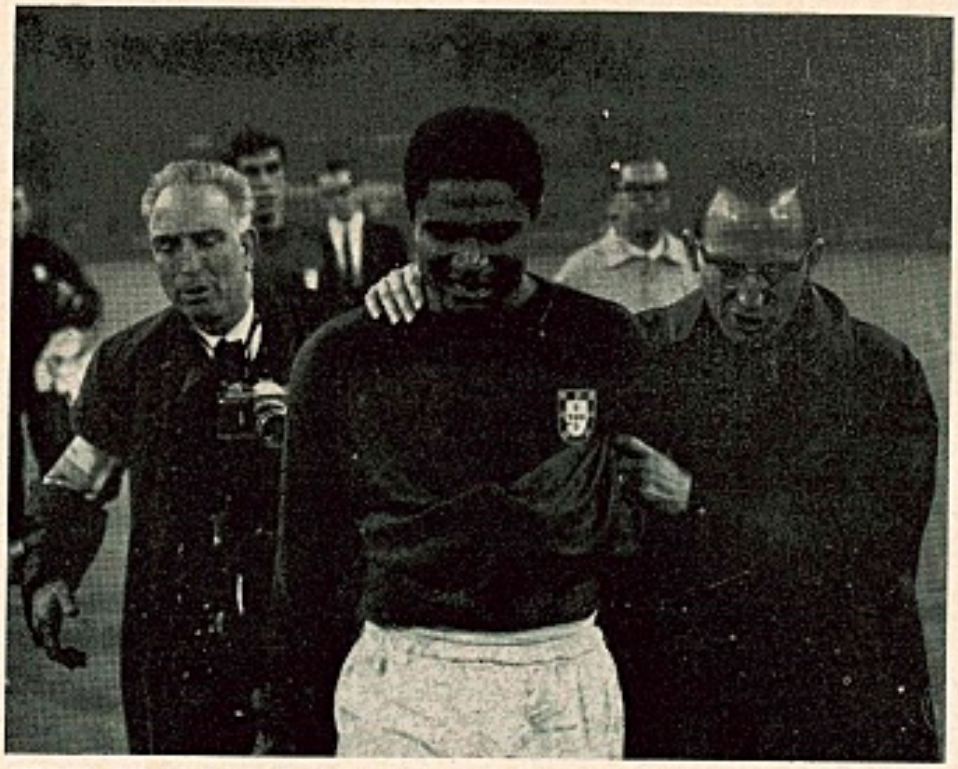
The following day one of Benfica's senior officials, Francisco Calado, said that Eusebio had refused to sign a new contract and was therefore "free to transfer whenever and wherever he wanted. Negotiations have broken down for good. We tried all we could to avert this situation but there is nothing we can do from now on." The "free to transfer" statement was later corrected by Ferreira Gomes, Benfica's assistant treasurer, to "open to transfer—probably abroad".

Eusebio now began to look around. Helenio Herrera arrived in Lisbon and began to make noises about him joining Roma; but Eusebio's lawyer, Resende, warned him that there was not the slightest chance of Italy's ban on foreign players being lifted, so nothing came of their meeting in a little café that afternoon. All Herrera could offer were vague promises, and Eusebio wanted a club.

Benfica made it clear that they wanted at least half a million pounds for their star player, a figure which immediately put most of Europe and all of South America out of the running. France, Belgium, West Germany and Scotland could not afford it; Italy were precluded; and even if anyone had been interested, Eusebio would not have gone to England for love nor money. The image of Dave Mackay was still firmly in his mind.

That left Spain, and effectively, Real Madrid. They alone had the influence to bend the transfer restrictions, and the money to burn—but were they prepared to take the risk? Eusebio's knee operation had clearly affected his speed and his determination. In vain he might argue that he had just coasted through league games to help his knee heal—but Real saw he had scored just nine goals in the whole championship, and against this 19 in the Portuguese Cup meant little.

Eusebio then softened his attitude. His lawyer said: "The last word has not been said so far. Anything is still possible—but the chances of reaching an agreement are extremely thin." And so a new offer emerged from both sides as Eusebio flew to Lourenco Marques to see his family. Wanted by Eusebio: four million escudos (£57,850). Offered by Benfica: three and a half million escudos (£55,000). Agreement was in sight. Eusebio had discovered not that he had priced himself out of the market, but that the market, internationally at least, was no longer there.



FLASHBACK . . .
A sad moment for Eusebio after Portugal had been beaten by England in the semi-final of the 1966 World Cup.

If I worked in the Italian League headquarters at Florence, I would be rolling out the barbed wire by now. For one day soon a few thousand-odd angry demonstrators from the little town of Sant'Angelo will be arriving on the doorstep.

The cause of all the trouble is that, according to the Italian League, Sant'Angelo have a rotten football pitch. It's got ruts and bumps in the goalmouths, and simply cannot be used for matches in the all-important Italian League Division IV (South).

Taking away League football is to an Italian like cutting off the blood supply. Which is why Sant'Angelo's 8,310 inhabitants are hopping mad. At least 8,309 of them are—and the odd man out, the mayor, was held captive in his office until he agreed to lead the protest march.

The mayor had to explain in a letter to the Prefect of Pescara that the town council had resigned. He said they were "unable to continue to exercise their functions while certain organisations (we all know who he meant) were allowed to carry out illegal acts against the interests of their citizens".

The town itself was in uproar. There were demonstrations in the streets, and a 24-hour strike at the beginning of successive weeks. They even held a protest meeting on the pitch, which hasn't improved it.

I do think it's mean of the Italian League to chuck Sant'Angelo out of the Fourth Division, especially after they promised to smooth over the bumps and the ruts. Still, it's probably good for business somewhere: *"Allo, iz zat rent-a-demo?"*

Hard up

Whenever you're hard up for news in Moscow, dig up the Streltsov story.

Amass a few details about jail terms for unmentionable offences, brilliant comebacks, footballers of the year, and there you are, a story to fill in a quiet day. I think that must have happened recently when Streltsov was reported to have been chucked out of the Moscow Torpedo side for good following "violations of discipline"—information received, of course, from those Smersh-like unknown sources.

Suspension

The referees' course is quite splendid in Ghana, but it does push a few officials along a little bit too quickly. Which may explain why poor old Anthony Quaye Hulede is under suspension for a year after refereeing just one international club match.

Now Hulede's great passion before he became a referee was to support Accra Great Olympics: when they lost it was a disaster. So he was faced with an awful dilemma when some naughty Olympics official put two substitutes on the field in an important friendly against Palmeiras of Brazil and omitted to take anybody off. The Brazilians only noticed when Olympics scored an equalising goal ten minutes from time—with, surprise, surprise, an overlap!—and lined up, rather sheepishly, with four men around the centre-circle. Even faced with such irrefutable evidence, Hulede could not bear to disallow the goal, so in spite of furious Brazilian protests, the game went on and ended in a 1-1 draw.

Baroti declines Polish offer

by ERIC BATTY

THE MONTH AHEAD

7	Poland v. Holland	Warsaw*
	Russia v. Bulgaria	Moscow
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	N. Ireland v. Russia	Belfast*
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	Norway v. Denmark	Oslo
24	Bulgaria v. West Germany	Sofia
	Russia v. Yugoslavia	Moscow
	Switzerland v. Belgium	Basle
	Sweden v. Hungary	Stockholm

THE Poland v. Holland clash in Warsaw is one in which the most likely winner will be Bulgaria, for, having beaten both their rivals already, the Bulgarians will gain an advantage whoever wins. Should Poland take even one point, as seems likely, remembering that the Dutchmen could only win 1-0 in Rotterdam against the Poles, this will underline the Bulgarians' supremacy.

But for Poland there are major problems, not the least being that as we go to press they have still not appointed a successor to Ryschard Koncewiecz, who resigned for the second time in three years after the Poles' 1-4 defeat in Sofia. The Polish FA offered the job to former Hungarian boss Lajos Baroti but this offer was politely declined.

Russia and more particularly the new selector-coach, Gavril Katschalin, have a major task on their hands in attempting to win two World Cup points at Windsor Park, Belfast. With a whole string of top-class players *hors de combat* through suspension or injury, Katschalin has been busy during the summer preparing an almost entirely new squad. Amongst the big names unlikely to play in Belfast are Bychewtz, Szabo, Pschenichnikov (a big man in every sense), Parkujan and the two suspended stars whose offences have been widely publicised —Anatoli Banischewski and Eduard Streltzov. As always the Russians will play with the emphasis on defence and quick break-aways and much will depend on their very experienced defenders, Albert Schesternjev and Murtaz Churtsilava. One bright spot for Katschalin was the fine showing of Anatoli Pusatsch, his new spearhead from Dynamo Kiev, who at 28 is emerging as a really effective striker. According to East German defenders who faced him recently at Leipzig he is good with the ball and a bit quick.

George Best, relaxing on holiday. During September, however, he is likely to be a key figure in the Northern Ireland team. (A)

ENTERTAINMENT

Studying the fixtures for last June one could have been forgiven for picking out Hungary v. Czechoslovakia as a key World Cup game which might provide a really fine game. Certainly I erred then, though with the talent on parade in the Nepstadion that day many more people would have made the same mistake. Whether the return match in Prague rates as entertainment or not I would be unwilling to guess, though my guess is it will be a tough one. After the match in Budapest the Czechs declined to attend the official banquet and when ordered to do so by FA officials they did so but refused to eat or drink, and after accepting souvenirs from their hosts they all left them behind when they left. This clearly sets the scene for the second encounter, which neither team can afford to lose if they are to qualify for Mexico.

Since that match the Hungarians have been beaten in Copenhagen, where Florian Albert was quite seriously injured. He will not be available for the trip to Prague and with Karoly Soos axeing several stars from his squad after losing to the amateur Danes —men like Meszoly and Farkas will not be there either. In recent years the Czechs have had the Indian sign on their neighbours and I would think a home win or at least a draw would be about right, but I wouldn't recommend anyone going out of their way to see it unless they are boxing fans.

West Germany have already taken four points from their neighbours Austria, but facing the vital visit of Scotland in October they return to Vienna as part of their preparations. Three days later they have another match in Sofia against Bulgaria and though neither game is of great importance they provide an invaluable opportunity for Helmut Schon to give his tried players another outing together and also give further experience to his second strings. The Scots, judging by their past performances, are unlikely to prepare half as thoroughly and few outside Scotland will even raise an eyebrow if they fail to qualify once more.

ACKNOWLEDGES

George Boulogne, until recently director of the French FA coaching organisation, was recently confirmed in his temporary appointment as boss of the national squad. He had his men together for two weeks' training pre-season but everyone knows his task is impossible. Even he acknowledges it to be "formidable". To reach Mexico the French must take at least five points from their three remaining games and three of these points must come from Sweden.

The first encounter is in Oslo, where victory should not really be beyond a good French side. Forgetting the disaster at Strasbourg, where they lost 1-0 at home to the amateur Norwegians, France could and should win in Oslo. But whether they can eventually overcome Sweden with an array of professional talent available from abroad and four points already locked away is another matter altogether. Nowadays the French have much in common with Scotland though with the difference that Scotland do have outstanding individuals to please the fans. Swedish coach, Orvar Bergmark, has had an unusually successful run since his appointment and has built up two almost entirely different teams. The strongest includes the foreign-based professionals as and when they are available (as they all would be in Mexico) and the weaker side is made up exclusively for home-based players who have fulfilled the Nordisk Cup fixtures against Denmark, Norway and Finland.

As leaders the Swedes are firm favourites to win the trophy and, of course, this provides a pool of experienced reserves for Bergmark's full squad should they be needed.

Yugoslavia and Belgium will both be active this month preparing for the final clash in their qualifying group in October. With Belgium already through to the final stages in Mexico the match has no real importance except as a face-saver for Rajko Mitic and the Yugoslavs as a whole. Yugoslavia travel to Moscow—as good a place as any to prepare for the kicking match that will certainly mark the Belgian visit—while the victors can afford to relax a little when they visit Switzerland. The Swiss more or less rejected their chance of qualifying when they lost 1-0 at home to Rumania in the spring but they have an excellent record against Belgium and might well boost their players' confidence in Basle ... if nothing else.

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A SOCCER PARADOX?

asks Leslie Vernon

IS football getting too popular? This strange question has been at the back of my mind for a considerable time, and I feel that the beginning of a new international season is the appropriate moment to discuss this rather unpleasant problem.

Distasteful it might be, but after the latest "happenings" I have no doubt that we all must face up to the reality of the situation. I am, of course, referring to the so-called "football-war" that broke out between El Salvador and Honduras following their ill-fated World Cup qualifying matches.

As we all remember, the games themselves were quite ordinary affairs, but the fans behaved idiotically, and the respective governments were even less reasonable than the lunatic citizens. Arrests, burning down of houses and shops, breaking-off of diplomatic relations and, finally, a full-scale shooting war followed.

Hostilities

Now we do know that these Central Americans are hot-tempered people and the football matches were not the real reason for the ensuing armed hostilities. They might have triggered off the latent hatred between the two countries, or at best, they might have been just an excuse to start something dirty. In any case, sport, contrary to my sincere beliefs, did not bring the people of these nations together—just the opposite!

The whole tragi-comic bloody outrage could be dismissed by us "civilised" people with the famous words of Sinclair Lewis: "It could not happen here!" Couldn't it?

Remember the Scottish fans invading St. James's Park, the scandals in Vienna and Athens, Ronnie Simpson and Cudicini catapulted from the crowd? I could quote many instances concerning the Italians in Rome and Naples, the Argentinians behind their barbed wire, etc., and more sickening etceteras. Up to now, I was convinced this was the work of an imbecile minority, and the less publicity they got, the less troublesome they would be.

But now I am not so sure that sweeping the dirt under the carpet is the best solution. After all, it might not be just a "lunatic fringe" who are infected, they could represent the tip of an iceberg—the crowds are more victorious and ill-intentioned than we previously thought. Many people are taking football much too seriously.

Globe

To them it is not just a glorious game any more, an entertaining drama where the "script" is written before their very eyes. For these people, in the four corners of the globe, football has become important beyond reason. They use it, subconsciously, as a means to voice their hatred and prejudices against their neighbours.

This sick mentality magnifies the significance of the result of an international match out of all proportion. And this is where my tiny guilt complex comes in. Working in the communication media, I have enthused over players and teams, praised the concept of the European Cup competitions and described the World Cup as "the greatest show on earth".

Not very original, I admit, and my voice was just one of a chorus all singing the same tune—in print, on radio and television. Perhaps, we did our job too well? We "wrote-up" football, we created a "Frankenstein" and now the monster has got out of control.

Well, perhaps it is not too late to change the trend. Let us emphasize in this new forthcoming World Cup season that football is just a game! Think of Vietnam, Biafra, the exploration of space, famine, race-riots, countless personal tragedies, and the result of a football match becomes almost meaningless.

It is the greatest spectator sport ever invented, let us enjoy its colourful tapestry, but keep it clean! Winning a football match is no proof of national superiority or that one political system is better than another. This sort of propaganda is dangerous nonsense, and we must expose it as such whenever and wherever it raises its ugly voice.

Let us hear no more about the "baying crowds" abroad as compared to our own enthusiastic, fair-minded supporters. The BBC are recording the "war-chants" of the various fan clubs for a competition. They should scrap this well-intentioned idea! These songs were charming and witty a few years ago, but now they have an ominous ring about them. Individuality is lost in a crowd, and where there are chants in unison the jackboots are not far away! This season, let us write the game "down", and for heaven's sake, make them all understand that it is *just a game!*

According to an unusually discreet FA announcement, commercial sponsorship is now allowed in football. This statement has caused very little reaction in the press, presumably because nobody really knows in what form this sponsorship system will operate. Personally, I was alarmed at the prospect of outside financial interests meddling in the already complicated world of football. It has been said before that the Pools run the League. What is going to happen now? Marks and Spencer will take over the FA Cup and rename it the St. Michael trophy?

Market

Looking at the players' pay-packets and the state of the transfer market, it becomes obvious that the vast majority of the First and Second Division clubs do not need extra income. Most of them are unable to spend their profits in order to "cheat" the Inland Revenue. Teams in the lower divisions are struggling and would welcome outside help, but will they get a slice of the sponsor's cake?

Knowing something about the workings of the business world, I would say that the "big boys" will only be interested in tournaments featuring the top clubs, who are already over-committed at home and abroad.

Nevertheless, a really substantial offer might tempt them to abandon some foreign tours and take part in a newly created, but artificial, domestic competition instead.

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Player Portrait

JIM HERRIOT

By Brian Marshall

ODDS NOT SO REMOTE

THE odds of a Second Division player being selected for either England or Scotland are usually quite remote. There are the exceptions. Keith Newton is one excellent example but following the recent summer tour of Mexico and South America he realised that his place is with a First Division club.

This is a natural attitude for any top class professional who mixes with the best in the country. He wants to be in the same circle and this means that he has to move to a better class of club in a higher division.

This was exactly the situation which faced Birmingham City's international goalkeeper, Jim Herriott, four years ago. At the time he was with Dunfermline and he had the impression that unless he moved to an English club his future prospects were not very bright.

He says: "Although I played for the Scottish League side on a couple of occasions, I felt I wasn't getting anywhere. You don't seem to have much of a chance of a full cap unless you are a Rangers or Celtic player."

This thought is born out when you look at the Scotland side which was defeated 4-1 by England at Wembley on May 10. Seven players, including the substitute, Wallace, were from Scottish clubs—four from Celtic and three from Rangers!

In such circumstances we can understand the reason behind Jim Herriot's move to Birmingham City in 1965. The Midland club paid something in the region of £17,000 for his transfer and he has repaid them handsomely over this period. He has missed only a handful of games and he has been rewarded with international recognition.

He does not regret his move to Birmingham, although he is, at the time of writing, negotiating new terms with the Midland club based on his appearances for his country. It appears as if it could be a long drawn-out affair with Birmingham manager, Mr. Stan Cullis, reluctant to upset the rest of his players by awarding a pay rise to a single member of his senior squad.

Jim Herriot, however, has come a long way since his early days with Dunfermline. At one time, for instance, he was to be told that the Scottish club were prepared to give him a free transfer!

Fortunately for him the club appointed Jock Stein as their new manager. He took another look at the situation and decided that Herriot, although only fourth choice at Dunfermline, should remain with the club. This was a decision fully appreciated by the Birmingham player.

Naturally, he is full of praise for Stein the manager. He says: "Stein is a player's manager. There is nothing he would not do for his players and he has been rewarded by some brilliant performances from his men.

"When he came to Dunfermline, for instance, we were in serious danger of relegation, but he brought out the best in the players and believe it or not we collected 11 points from the last six matches to retain our place in the First Division.

"This was no flash in the pan because in the following season Dunfermline went on to win the Scottish Cup. Stein himself gained from Dunfermline's success because he was later to be appointed Celtic's manager in view of his excellent work with Dunfermline."

Herriot, a slim built 'keeper, who shows quick reflexes in dangerous goalline situations, is really indebted to Stein because prior to his arrival he had given serious thought to returning to his trade as a bricklayer.

The reason was that playing for a provincial side there was little or no atmosphere in the games. He lost a lot of his concentration in these matches and it was only Stein's influence which enabled him to display a high degree of skill.

He was rewarded with two appearances for the Scottish League against the Irish League and the League of Ireland. Birmingham, however, spotted his potential in the Scottish League games and made a move for his services after allowing Colin Withers to move to nearby Aston Villa.

A very honest type of person, Herriot claims: "Coming to England improved my goalkeeping. There's more atmosphere at matches in England and this keeps you on your toes.

"The game's harder, too, and you have to be more decisive. There is not much physical challenge in Scotland, and I think this is why the Scottish goalkeepers do not always play well against English clubs."

It was not until Birmingham's Cup run 18 months ago that he came to the notice of Scotland's team-manager, Bobby Brown. He first had his attention drawn to Jim Herriot by Joe Mallett, Birmingham's assistant-manager/coach, who has played no small part in giving the Scot more confidence in his own ability.

The first time that Brown saw Herriot in action was the FA Cup semi-final against West Bromwich Albion at Villa Park. Although Birmingham were narrowly beaten 2-1, Jim Herriot did not have very much to do in this game and the Scottish manager watched play in other games at the start of last season.

At this time Scotland were having trouble with the number one spot. No less than seven 'keepers were under consideration. This pin-points Brown's problem and he had to make his choice after narrowing down the list.

Finally he gave Herriot his chance in the international against Denmark last October. It was an easy debut. Herriot, with typical modesty, says: "I did not have a great deal to do. But I feel that it's a tremendous advantage to make your first international appearance in this type of game where nothing was at stake."

When the home series came around, Herriot found himself very much in the running. For the first game against Wales at Wrexham it was the well-built Liverpool 'keeper, Tommy Lawrence, who was given the spot. The fates were not too kind to the Liverpool player and he sustained a head injury late in the first-half when both teams scored twice. He received concussion and he was taken to hospital. Jim Herriot came on as a substitute and although Wales scored another goal Scotland ran out 5-3 winners.

The Birmingham player retained his place for the match against Ireland at a deserted Hampden Park when Scotland were held to a 1-1 draw. So on to Wembley where Scotland had not been beaten on their previous three visits.

But England were in their best form and quickly swept into a two-goal lead through Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst. Colin Stein pulled one back for Scotland but Hurst converted a penalty and Peters added his second to conclusively put the issue beyond doubt.

Despite this defeat, Herriot is hoping to establish himself in the Scottish side. It would help if Birmingham City gained promotion into the First Division. . .

INTERNAL STRIFE REIGNS

from ERIC WEIL

TRUE to form, Argentina changed its national team coach just before embarking on their World Cup preliminary games. Humberto Maschio had been put in charge at the start of the year. Careful plans were laid. A new national team squad was chosen and taken to Bolivia for two weeks to see how they reacted to the altitude. Thirty players were used in six so-called full internationals of which only one was won and the other five drawn (versus Chile, Paraguay twice and a Brazilian Porto Alegre Selection twice) but the team never impressed as a whole. Defensively there were few problems and only five goals were conceded, but the attack was practically non-existent and only six goals were scored—few from actual play.

A week before the team left for Bolivia for its first World Cup game, Dr. Aldo Porri replaced Ramos Ruiz as Government Interventor at the Argentine FA, Maschio resigned and was replaced by Adolfo Pedernera after Estudiantes de La Plata's Osvaldo Zubeldia, among others, had declined the job.

Pedernera, who coached Colombia in their most successful World Cup campaign in Chile (1962) and revived the flagging fortunes of First Division club, Independiente, this season, kept the national team's rearguard virtually intact, but made wholesale changes in attack, leaving out Fischer, Veglio, Wehbe, Salomone and Lamelza and bringing in more experienced Bernao and Yazalde (Independiente), Daniel Onega and Mas (River Plate) as well as the new Metropolitan champions' captain, Marcos. So while the original squad picked in February included only one World Cup man, the team which finally left for Bolivia had five—Rattin, Albrecht, Marzolini, Perfumo and Mas.

IMPROVISE

And rightfully it is being asked again why Argentina goes in for lengthy preparataion if they always get back to improvisation in the end.

Of course one major trouble hadn't been Maschio and his tactics—or lack of them—but the hectic fight for points in the Metropolitan Championship to qualify for the semi-finals, the national championship or to avoid the relegation play-off which, as usual, went into the last day—although the semi-finalists (Boca Juniors, Chacarita Juniors, Racing, River Plate) had already moved away from the rest of the field before.

This kept players' minds on the league fight instead of the national team and frequently kept them away from national team training, too. In one word, it was the old story of club versus country, with more emphasis on club because every league game was so vital.

In spite of numerous transfers of players before the season started, few justified the outlay. One of the few was Brazilian forward, Machado da Silva, bought by Racing to replace Maschio. He did this only too well, changed the team's style to a better class of soccer and finished up as league top scorer, too.

River Plate, who got rid of star players Ermindo Onega, Cubilla, Matosas and goalkeepers Gatti and Carrizo to reduce their wage bill, naturally didn't hit the heights with their more modest but enthusiastic replacements, but were no worse than last season to become runners-up in the weaker "B" section. If, however, Estudiantes de La Plata hadn't had the defence of their South American Cup so much on their mind, they would surely have replaced River Plate in the semi-finals.

Boca Juniors, with their solid defence continuing to be their mainstay, and a slightly improvised attack, managed to stay on top of Section "A" for most of the season under new coach, Alfredo Di Stefano. Then came a lapse, but they just managed to beat off Chacarita's challenge to stay at the top on goal average.

Most improved team of the season are Huracan, counted among the big clubs but never among the honours. Coached by journalist, Alejendro Yebra, they were fourth in "B" section and also brought up the local player of the year—midfield man, Brindisi, a late inclusion in the national team where his vigour and enthusiasm have brought a freshness to the side.

The disappointment were San Lorenzo, last year's exciting Metropolitan champions who, with the same players, could never recapture their form or their attacking spirit and have just changed their coach for the fourth time this year. Now it's Pedro Delacha, former Argentine international back. Last year's national champions, Velez Sarsfield, second for most of the season, but finally pushed out of the semi-final by Chacarita Juniors, also disappointed with an unchanged team. The main cause — internal trouble with coach Alejandro Galan — and they are also now under their fourth coach this season, Jose D'Amico, who was in charge of Boca Juniors last season.

In the first semi-final, Chacarita Juniors beat Racing Club 1-0. The losers, after playing some of the best soccer all season, played their worst game at the most vital time and went down to only their second defeat of the season. But of course Chacarita Juniors, becoming more and more the image of world champions, Estudiantes, are good at making the opposition play bad.

Daniel Willington (white shirt) eluding Boca's Sune. Willington was one of the championship's outstanding players for Velez Sarsfield but being an individualist, national team coaches overlooked him. Defender Sune made the national team. (EW)

In the other semi-final, traditional rivals Boca Juniors and River Plate drew 0-0 after extra time and River Plate went through by virtue of having scored one more goal during the season (35 to Boca's 34) and against different rivals at that. This was a draw all the way, although Boca were on top. River, knowing their own limitations, the difficulty of getting past Boca's defensive wall and the weakness of Boca's attack, just went out to stop them scoring—which wasn't too difficult—and a draw suited River fine.

JUSTIFY

So the final was fought out between two teams which had actually finished second in their respective sections and there was plenty of justification for the cry that this was a poor system to decide a league championship. Chacarita easily outplayed River and beat them 4-1 and for the second time in the three-year-old Metropolitan Championship a

small club was crowned champion—something which had not happened in the previous 36 years of professional soccer in Argentina.

Chacarita Juniors are very like Estudiantes de La Plata in their methods (as mentioned in this column last month) and the players attribute their success to last year's coach, Argentino Geronazzo, a close friend of Estudiantes's Osvaldo Zubeldia with whom he wrote a book on coaching methods (●).

Will Chacarita now follow in Estudiantes's footsteps? That remains to be seen, for a start in the National Championships, starting in September, which qualifies the top two teams for next year's South American Cup.

Outstanding points of the Metropolitan Championship's 242 games (excluding play-offs):

- Boca Juniors' defence only conceded 11 goals in 22 games. They had no goals scored against them in 13 games.
- Racing Club, unbeaten for their first 19 games, finished with only one defeat and were the only club with an unbeaten home record.
- 630 goals were scored in the 242 games—average 2.6 per game. Only 237 came during the first-half and 393 in the second. Racing were top scorers with 45 goals (just over two per game).
- Brazilian Machado da Silva (Racing) was top scorer with 14 goals, followed by Acosta (Lanus) 13, Flores (Estudiantes) 12.
- 1,991,911 tickets were sold —about 7 per cent more than last year, but only an average of 8,231 per game. (The figure is low, but does not include club members who have free access to the stands of their own club's stadium and make up a large proportion of the crowd. For this reason actual attendance figures cannot be given, only gate receipts and these were easily topped by Boca Juniors with 62,941,078 Pesos (after deducting taxes) who took 34 per cent more than second-placed River Plate.
- 491 players appeared in the 22 teams, but only 36 of them played in all 22 games.
- Many clubs changed coaches during the season—several had as many as four—and in all 43 coaches were in charge of the 22 teams.
- 93 players were sent off. River Plate were the worst offenders this time with nine players sent off.

(●) *Tecnica y Estrategia del Futbol (Tactics and Strategy of Football).*

RACING MAKE NEWS

Owing to pressure of space and postal delays, last month's Argentinian report was held over. To keep readers informed of the developments in that region of South America, we are publishing Eric Weil's despatch this month.

RACING CLUB and Estudiantes de La Plata, world club champions of 1967 and 1968 respectively, continue to make the news from Argentina. Racing was beaten for the first time this season (2-1 by neighbours, Independiente) in the 20th game of the Metropolitan Championship which had only two games to go at press-time. Of their 19 previous games they had won 12 and drawn seven. Meanwhile Estudiantes are now unbeaten in their last seven league games in which they have been doing just enough to win by one goal. During this series they have also won four games to retain the South American Club Championship (writes ERIC WEIL).

The unbeaten run may not be enough, however, to put them into the semi-finals of the Metropolitan Championship by finishing in the top two places of their section. With two games to go, they were two points behind second-placed River Plate.

Forefront

"Bocha" Flores (Estudiantes) and Brazilian, Machado da Silva (Racing), are also helping to keep their respective clubs in the forefront. They are joint league top scorers with 12 goals.

Once again the present set-up of the Metropolitan Championship (formerly the Argentine First Division) has proved excellent in keeping interest alive until the end for virtually every club. The top two of the two eleven-club sections play the semi-finals. At the same time the top six of each section enter the National Championship, the bottom three the relegation play-off, while the other two in each section play for one further place in the "National". But there is already talk of changing the system for next season to shorten the "Metro" and give more importance to the "National".

With only two games to go, no club had made sure of a semi-final place and only five (Chacarita Juniors, Boca Juniors, Racing, River Plate, Estudiantes) had qualified for the "National" while 12 other teams still had a chance to enter. On top of this there was the struggle to escape the relegation play-off and goals count to make it even more interesting. (The team which has scored most goals takes precedence.) Only when "goals for" are equal, then "goals against" are taken into account.

But if it's exciting, the soccer isn't. Only 16 players finished the Boca Juniors-San Lorenzo game which San Lorenzo, left with nine players, won 2-1. One Boca player went off injured, but Rattin, Novello and Rogel of Boca and Rendo and Gonzalez of San Lorenzo were sent off for fighting. The rest never tried to play soccer either.

Includes

Lending force to the argument that the 22-team Metropolitan First Division is too big, is the fact that it includes too many small clubs with virtually no title hopes, whose only ambition is to avoid relegation. They pack their defence and place their main hopes on stopping the opposition from scoring and spoiling their game. The worst of it is that they are often successful so the formula is repeated again and again and football suffers.

Occasionally, however, a small club with an ambitious coach, gets out of the rut and into leading places. Once it was Estudiantes de La Plata and they have managed to stay at the top. This season it's a close carbon copy, Chacarita Juniors, a modest Buenos Aires club which is topping Section "A".

Chacarita Juniors are a young team which has, however, played together for quite some time.

Metropolitan champions Chacarita Juniors—standing left to right: Bernabe Palacios (reserve goalkeeper), Angel Marcos (captain), Juan Puntorero, Rodolfo Orife, Horacio Neuman. Kneeling left to right: Eliseo Petrocelli, Jorge Perez, Alberto Poncio, Jorge Gomez, Franco Frasseldatti, Angel Bargas. (EW)

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

HOW sad that the Californian Clippers should have ceased to exist; but at least they went out in a blaze of glory. Having defeated Fiorentina, the Italian champions, 4-2, they promptly went into liquidation. They had cost their president, during the two brief years of their existence, some one-and-a-half million dollars. So passes what was surely the finest club side ever to play on the North American sub-continent; even if it hadn't a North American to its name.

Among the many fine players who, by the time you read this, will undoubtedly have found employment elsewhere, were the Uruguayan centre-forward, Cirilo Fernandez and the Polish striker, Jan Kowalik. There was a host of competent Yugoslavs in the team, too; a polyglot but remarkably well co-ordinated lot they were. With their passing, nothing is left in American professional football but the semi-pro. leagues and the ersatz North American Soccer League, five teams strong, composed merely of part-timers, earning $75 a match.

PUFFING

Phil Woosnam, the League's executive director, and Clive Toye, its chief publicist, are trying awfully hard, huffing and puffing away at the flickering embers, but despite all the heartening and impressive statistics issued by Woosnam on the growth of the game in schools and colleges, there's a nasty possibility that he and the NASL won't be the ones to benefit from it all; that somebody else, in 20 years' time or so, will pluck the apples from the tree he has so tenderly fostered.

Crowds in Atlanta, which were poor when Aston Villa represented the city in the abysmally unsuccessful International Cup, improved considerably when the Atlanta Chiefs rode again. Next year, the Cup will, more sensibly, take the form of local teams playing against visiting sides; but will the local teams now be strong enough? Atlanta, probably yes, since they've managed to hold on to many of the good players who twice helped them to defeat Manchester City; but I am less sure about the others.

The Dallas Tornado, however, did score an unexpected and commendable victory over Atlanta, one of the goals going to their chief coach, Ron Newman, the old Portsmouth and Gillingham forward who has found new life over there. I am delighted to hear it; with memories of the aggrieved telephone call I had from him when I suggested, in these columns, that he might have passed his meridian. No one is happier than I to see him doing so well, both on and off the field. I hope he will telephone me again, on his next visit to London. . .

The Tornado, by the way, inform me that their reason for not subsidising in any way the tour made by the Texas Longhorns and Shorthorns of England is their unwillingness to participate in anything run, allegedly, for private profit. They are, however, working on similar plans of their own. I'm delighted to hear it.

Woosnam, if one may return to his euphoric pronouncements, believes that "this game . . . has grown in participation by some 300 per cent in two years, according to preliminary figures from a national survey. . ."

DIRTIEST

I was in New York when Inter and Milan arrived, hating every minute. *"Non vedo l'ora di partire,"* rumbled the Milan coach, Nereo Rocco. "It must be the dirtiest city in the world," remarked one of his players, looking out of the window of the coach, on the way to training in the Bronx.

Gira e rigira, as the Italians say; the wheel turns and turns again. Sitting at Inter's top table in Mamma Leone's, the restaurant off Broadway where both teams ate—and where Nino Benvenuti eats, when he's in New York—was Heriberto Herrera, just sacked by Juventus, after many years in that uncomfortable driver's seat. Inter and Alfredo Foni quarrelled after he'd actually signed a new contract; and out he went, just the same. Who, then, has become manager of Juve, after Malcolm Allison's wise refusal of the job? Why, Luis Carniglia, brought back from Argentina; Carniglia, who at various times had charge of Milan, Roma, Bologna, Fiorentina and Sampdoria. Have I got them all right? Have I, perhaps, left out one or two? For Carniglia, the old Nice centre-half, and Real Madrid manager, has done an exhaustive round of the Italian clubs. How hard it is to fall permanently off that particular merry-go-round.

BANQUET

One of the strangest and most displeasingly inaccurate stories to come out of England's South American tour, last summer, concerned their allegedly bad behaviour during and after the official banquet. As one who travelled to and from the banquet in the England coach, and returned with the players to their hotel—where I, too, was staying—I can say only that a mountain was cynically made out of a molehill.

There was no concerted throwing away of the brochures they received from the Uruguayans, merely a certain

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SAD DEMISE OF CLIPPERS

amount of harmless high spirits on the bus, when one or two players had their books snatched and thrown out of the window. I remember Jackie Charlton being most displeased at losing his. When a football team which has been wound up to concert pitch for days on end is let briefly off the leash, there is bound to be a certain letting off of steam. There was; and nothing more. Far from behaving at the banquet with drunken abandon, the players—though they *were* allowed to drink—sat with great restraint through the usual tedious speeches, of which their own officials were perhaps more guilty than the Uruguayans.

Some agency reporter filed a very cheap and thoroughly misleading "story".

FACILITIES

Philip Noel Baker, M.P. has not given way. He continues, more power to him, to batter at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, over the subject of those iniquitously high charges for football pitches. Who could reasonably disagree with him when he says, "Are not these sporting facilities created in accordance with a national policy of providing physical recreation for the mass of people? Why should a local authority be able to frustrate a national policy by raising prices?

"Second, is not this policy of creating sporting facilities for the general public of all ages one of overriding national importance? It is now accepted that we have a much greater proportion of older people whom we have to support... It is an undisputed fact which no competent medical man or physical recreation expert would dispute that exercise and playing games greatly retard the process of growing old and keep the old much healthier than they would otherwise be...

"As with railways, it is absurd to try to run a national service of this kind on the basis that it shall show an immediate book-keeping profit, while in fact this petty parsimony helps to impose heavy charges on the national economy which might otherwise be avoided."

JACKIE CHARLTON. (Green)

Ankara: Turkey 1, Poland 3
Malmo: Sweden 1, Mexico 0
Wrexham: Wales 3, Scotland 5 IC
Belfast: N. Ireland 0, England 2 IC
Dublin: Eire 1, Czechoslovakia 2 WC
Addis Ababa: Ethiopia 1, Sudan 1 WC
Lisbon: Portugal 2, Greece 2 WC
Copenhagen: Denmark 3, Mexico 1
Oslo: Norway 0, Mexico 2
Glasgow: Scotland 1, N. Ireland 1 IC
London: England 2, Wales 1 IC
Rotterdam: Netherlands 1, Poland 0 WC
Belfast: N. Ireland 0, Wales 0 IC
London: England 4, Scotland 1 IC
Nuremberg: W. Germany 1, Austria 0 WC
Casablanca: Morocco 0, Tunisia 0 WC
Khartoum: Sudan 3, Ethiopia 1 WC
Ibadan: Nigeria 2, Ghana 1 WC
Lausanne: Switzerland 0, Rumania 1 WC
Glasgow: Scotland 8, Cyprus 0 WC
Accra: Ghana 1, Nigeria 1 WC
Turin: Italy 0, Bulgaria 0
Essen: W. Germany 12, Cyprus 0 WC
Budapest: Hungary 2, Czechoslovakia 0 WC
Copenhagen: Denmark 2, Eire 0 WC
Guadalajara: Mexico 1, Peru 2
Mexico City: Mexico 3, Peru 0
Gothenberg: Sweden 4, Norway 2
San Diego: United States 0, Haiti 1 WC
Mexico City: Mexico 0, England 0
Helsinki: Finland 1, Yugoslavia 5 WC
Guadalajara: Mexican XI 0, England XI 4
Dublin: Eire 1, Hungary 2 WC
Montevideo: Uruguay 1, England 2
Tegucigalpa: Honduras 1, El Salvador 0 WC
Rio de Janeiro: Brazil 2, England 1
Marseille: Tunisia 2, Morocco 2 WC
Buenos Aires: Argentina 2, Chile 1
Sofia: Bulgaria 4, Poland 1 WC
Copenhagen: Denmark 3, Hungary 2 WC
San Salvador: El Salvador 3, Honduras 0 WC
Oslo: Norway 2, Sweden 5 WC
Magdeburg: E. Germany 0, Chile 1
Helsinki: Finland 2, Spain 0 WC
Mexico City: El Salvador 3, Honduras 2 WC
Lima: Peru 1, Uruguay 0
Guayaquil: Ecuador 0, Uruguay 2 WC

PIERINO PRATI. (M)

MAKE

MAKE love, not war: play football . . . and El Salvador have knocked Honduras out of the World Cup after three matches which put these Central American neighbours close to a full-scale war.

Following the first match in Tegucigalpa, groups of visiting Salvadoreans were mobbed by the home spectators, attacked with sticks and missiles, and had their cars overturned. And when the Honduran team went to San Salvador, there was a riot in which two spectators were killed. The army had to be called in to stop the fighting, and the Honduran team were smuggled out of the city.

The immediate repercussion was that some 10,000 Salvadoreans living in Honduras were given 24 hours to leave the country, reservists were called up, and both countries broke off diplomatic relations.

Understandably, the Mexican authorities took elaborate precautions to prevent the cold war hotting up in Mexico City. Several spectators arrived from both countries, taking advantage of free travel (the Honduran Air Force provided five giant transport planes for nothing, and the Salvadorean government felt obliged to get their own supporters to the game by chartering commercial aircraft).

So Mexico brought out nearly 2,000 police to cope with the situation. They restricted the crowd at the Aztec stadium, which holds about 105,000, to 20,000. Groups of police carrying tear-gas guns kept the rival spectators apart and no-one was allowed to stand behind the goals. But there was only one outburst during the match, a brief chant of "murderers, murderers," from the Salvadorean end.

A play-off was necessary because under the rules of this section of the World Cup, the matches are decided on points, not on a home and away aggregate. Honduras, who earlier eliminated one of the favourites for this group, Costa Rica, won the first leg 1-0, although it looked for a long time as though El Salvador would achieve their object of a draw. There was still no score after 89 minutes, when Honduras forced their 14th corner. The ball came across very low, and Fernandez, the Salvador goalkeeper, fisted out. In the ensuing melee full-back Lenar Wells won possession, steadied himself, and scored with a fine shot all along the ground.

But Wells's glory was short-lived. The following Sunday, in the Nacional Stadium of San Salvador, he gave away a penalty in the 27th minute. Juan Martinez scored from the spot, and Honduras were given no chance to recover. Two minutes later full-back Acevedo came up with the attack, seized on a loose ball, and scored easily. A third goal, also by Martinez, settled the match four minutes from half-time, especially as a torrential rainstorm made the pitch almost unplayable in the second period.

There was further heavy rain in Mexico City for the play-off, which went to extra time. El Salvador had the better of the first-half, Martinez scoring after nine and 28 minutes. But his defence conceded a silly goal from Jose Cordona in the 23rd minute, and Honduras looked the better team in the second-half.

They quickly equalised through Rigoverto Gomez and there were some desperate scrambles around the Salvador goal. But El Salvador held out, and in the twelfth minute of extra time Mauricio Rodriguez broke away to score the winning goal. When the final whistle blew, the Hondurans flung themselves on the ground and wept with disappointment. They certainly take their football seriously in Central America.

So El Salvador went on to meet Haiti for a place in the finals. Haiti confirmed their 2-0 success over the United States at Port-au-Prince with a 1-0 win in San Diego, California. Even with Gerry Baker back to strengthen their forward-line, the Americans still wasted their chances. It was Vorbe who made the goal that Haiti needed, just before half-time. His cross found Jean-Claude

International Post-Mortem by ROGER MACDONALD

Desir unmarked, and Desir's quick flick to Guy Styvil so foxed the Americans that he was able to walk the ball into the net. But I don't suppose England will be at all sorry to keep the United States out of the finals, bearing 1950 in mind. . .

Haiti, or El Salvador, may well become the giant-killers of the next World Cup. But we now know for certain that the giant-killers of 1966, North Korea, will not reach Mexico City. They maintained a stony silence to FIFA's repeated requests that they would confirm their appearance in Tel Aviv next October for the second sub-group of Section XV, and the world federation has ruled that they have withdrawn from the competition. Sad to think that Hang Bong Jin and the little yellow men will not be on show in Mexico, although Italy, for one, may breathe a sigh of relief.

ELIMINATED

The unwieldy African group was whittled down to the final three after a series of protracted ties. The Sudan duly eliminated Ethiopia, whose appearance in the high-altitude finals would have been interesting, and Nigeria a little surprisingly put out Ghana. The Nigerians got the draw they needed in the second leg at Accra in spite of having Lawal sent off, and in spite of the crowd invading the pitch. Mounted police were called out to clear the field in order for the game to be completed.

LOVE — NOT WAR !

Even this bizarre affair dwarfed into insignificance when Tunisia and Morocco played three successive draws—the second, goalless in Casablanca, again apparently without extra time being played, despite the specific regulation that it should. So the tie went to a play-off at Marseille, where Tunisia had a goal disallowed because the ball went through a hole in the side netting, then saved the game with a goal in the last minute of ordinary time.

The extra half-hour brought plenty of near-misses but no goals, so the French referee Kitabjian tossed a coin. At least, the Tunisian players thought he had tossed it, and that they had called correctly, when in fact the referee followed the letter of the law strictly and disappeared into the dressing rooms to draw lots. The lottery went in favour of Morocco and sparked off a violent demonstration among the 4,000 Tunisians who had come over for the match. The police had great difficulty in dispersing the crowd, and the referee had to be smuggled out of a back entrance and into a Black Maria.

Scene from Bulgaria's home encounter with Poland, which they won 4-1. Bonev brilliantly dribbles past three Poland defenders and the goalkeeper to net the first of his country's goals.

DAMAGE

But the stunning match of the month was undoubtedly Hungary's defeat in Copenhagen. Denmark, it is true, have been playing rather well at home lately, but not well enough to suggest that they would take two points off the Hungarians in a World Cup-tie. The damage was done by Denmark's former professionals, Soerensen and Madsen, and their left-winger Le Fevre, who on his day is as good as any in Europe. Soerensen gave the Danes a tremendous boost by scoring after only three minutes, and although Hungary twice equalised, Madsen got the winning goal midway through the second-half. It was his 44th goal in 47 internationals, a remarkable record, and one of his best. The Hungarian trainer, Karoly Soos, praised the Danish team. "They were not as skilful, but they were magnificent in defence. And the three goals were exceptional in every way."

Defeat for Hungary puts them in a serious position in Group Two, and more than nullifies their painstaking win over Czechoslovakia in Budapest. If the remaining matches go to form, the decider will be Czechoslovakia's home tie with Hungary in Prague next autumn—and the Hungarians must draw even to survive.

Denmark, for all their brave effort, will not be in Mexico. But Sweden look well on the way to a place in the finals, after beating Norway 5-2 in Oslo. Both teams fielded most of their foreign-based professionals, and the Swedes have certainly their best side since 1958, when they reached the World Cup final itself. Norway were no match for them in speed or skill, though their goalkeeper, Sven Olsen, should have stopped at least two of the goals. In contrast his opposite number, Roland Petterson, saved a penalty by Seemann in the second-half—but by then the game was already won.

The battle of the centre-forwards, Lubanksi versus Asparoukhov, ended firmly in Bulgaria's favour at Sofia. Poland were only 2-1 down with 20 minutes left, suggesting a close match; but in reality only the brilliance of Kostka kept them within striking distance of the Bulgars. This 4-1 win was most encouraging for Bulgaria who were without their key midfield player, Yakimov. But Todor Kolev showed up so well in midfield that he was scarcely missed, and Kotzev made an outstanding first appearance on the left-wing.

VIOLENT

Poland, of course, have suffered greatly in terms of morale after the violent league match in which Stefan Florenski was suspended for two years for hitting a referee. Kostka, Oslizlo and Wilczek are also under suspended sentence for their part in the affray, and though they are still in the Polish international squad, their performances have been very poor.

The Poles are now less hopeful of going to Mexico, especially after losing to Holland to a last-minute goal in Rotterdam. But they have still to play Bulgaria and the Netherlands at home, and the group is wide open. I fancy if Bulgaria get a draw in Holland at the end of October it will give them a place in the last 16.

Scotland, technically, have all to play for —but West Germany's murderous defeat of Cyprus wiped out their hard-earned advantage in goal difference, valuable in the unlikely event of a play-off, ending (even more unlikely) in a draw. At least the Germans showed they too could be fallible, barely beating Austria at home. Once again Gerd Muller saved them with a goal in the last minute, to add to the four he got against Cyprus.

England's magnificent showing against Scotland was confirmed by an equally magnificent South American tour—defeat in the last match against Brazil was due as much to fatigue as to the Brazilians' skill. But none of the American sides is in any sort of form at the moment, and we must beware over-optimism about European prospects

DISMAL

The Mexicans, after all, made a disastrous European tour—their captain, Pena, was sent off against Denmark as if to offset their solitary win, over Norway. Argentina's narrow defeat of Chile came too late to save their team manager, Humberto Maschio, who has had to resign after five dismal draws in other trial matches. And while Uruguay won their opening World Cup tie in Ecuador, they had some anxious moments in the second-half, and they lost to Peru in Lima shortly after meeting England in Montevideo. There are signs that Uruguay and Argentina might be discomfited by Chile, with their fine midfield player, Araya, and by Peru, led by the outstanding Perico Leon—especially after Chile's surprising last-minute win in East Germany.

Finally a passing glance at a meaningless match in Group Six, from which Belgium have already qualified. Finland beat Spain 2-0, goals from Tommy Lindholm and Arto Tolsa early in the match. Even if the result has no significance, the Finns must have been amazed. How far Spain have sunk since the great days of Di Stefano.

NORMAN CUTLER IN SPAIN

PRESTIGE SINKS TO LOW LEVEL

D. Jose Luis Costa, President Football Federation of Spain and an architect of Spain's reconstruction as a football power. (NC)

A GLOOM hangs over Spanish football. The lack of success in European Cup competitions since 1966 is accepted as a natural trend. Real Madrid, though still a powerful adversary, are rebuilding after the retirement of their great stars of the early '60s. Barcelona, Valencia and Zaragoza are in the middle of a transitional period. Las Palmas have only just arrived. All this is not causing too much concern.

But Spain's insecure, insignificant place on the international stage is another matter. The complete absence of success, or even progress, of the national team, is causing alarm.

Looking back, the level of Spanish international prestige reached its highest in 1964 when they beat Russia 2-1 in the final of the European Nations Cup. It was their first major international honour and hailed as the beginning of a golden era.

Supremacy, however, was short lived. Disillusionment came only two years later. Through relying on an improvised team of star names, three from Italian clubs, who had never played together in a serious game, they failed to reach the quarter-finals of the World Cup.

Embarked

Immediately afterwards Spain embarked upon a long-term rebuilding programme, which during its initial period, appeared encouraging. As usual, everyone was too impatient and expected immediate success, which naturally never came. Plans were changed, manager followed manager (four in two years) until performances and prestige fell to rock bottom last season when they failed ignominiously to qualify for the 1970 World Cup, drew with Mexico and lost to Finland.

The defeat in Helsinki, described as a "national disaster", really shook the football circles. The press were bitterly critical, the public shocked into ridicule and officials demoralised. Even the Minister of Sport, Juan Antonio Samaranch, commented and appealed in the name of patriotism. "At club level," he said, "we can hold our own with the best, but we must reach a higher international standard so that no difference exists between Spain and the rest of the world. Players should be proud to wear the national colours."

The Minister's last sentence pinpointed the whole urgent problem. The country's star players never produce club form in international matches. They are just not interested. "To play for England" is an honour and the ambition of every English player. The same sentiment is completely absent in Spain, especially among the established players. Club, league points and the high incentives come first.

Conscious

No one is hiding the fact that apathy and demoralisation exists. On the contrary, even the top clubs are becoming conscious and guilty of the situation they themselves have created.

The Federation (FA), directed by its president, Jose Luis Costa, is energetically tackling the problem from two directions ... rejuvenating the international aspect and reconstructing the club scene.

One move is to appoint Ladislav Kubala, the great Hungarian inside-forward, as the "Sir Alf" of Spanish football for three years. The appointment, unfortunately, created little enthusiasm, simply because the popular Kubala, still a public idol, has a tremendous personal battle to fight ... gaining respect as a manager. He is *supremo* of the national side and architect of the future, yet has achieved little success during previous ventures into management ... with Barcelona, Espanol (third from bottom) and Cordoba (relegated).

Nevertheless, Kubala is quietly confident. He plans to concentrate on the younger players, those overshadowed by the not-so-good (international-wise) stars of the glamour clubs. "What Sir Alfred has done for England, I'm sure I can do for Spain, given the time and co-operation of clubs and players," he says modestly. The vital question is: Will Kubala be given *enough* time and support, or will he become the fifth victim of impatience?

At club level the Federation has embarked upon a major reconstruction of the unwieldy Spanish League.

Last season the two Second Divisions (of 16 clubs each) were merged into one (of 20 clubs) . . and the 16 Third Division sections were reduced to eight, each of 20 clubs. Next season (1970–71) the Third Division will be cut still further, to four sections (of 20 clubs each).

The whole league structure will then comprise only 116 clubs (First Division 16, Second Division 20, Third Division 80) instead of the original 368. The other 252 will have been relegated to the uninspiring regional football. Unlike English non-League clubs, these regional teams will have a system of promotion to the Third Division.

Recognition

This ruthless, long overdue pruning was strongly opposed at first, but the Federation have already been proved right. The standard of Second Division football has improved out of all recognition and the crowds are beginning to return.

The Spanish Cup (*Copa Generalissimo*) is also involved in the revolutionary shake-up. For years it existed exclusively for First and Second Division clubs, even the latter

were excluded last year. The coming season will see all Third Division clubs taking part in a qualifying competition (similar to the FA Cup), joining the First and Second Division clubs in the Fourth Round proper. A total entry of 196 clubs.

These are long-term measures which, given a chance, will undoubtedly benefit Spain's ailing game.

But what ideas will have an immediate effect? Increased remuneration for international matches. More top level games with first-class nations, not those like Switzerland and Finland. The shelving of the concentration (hide away) custom before club matches, which deprives players of so much home life. The abolition of fines for bad club performances, and the election of inspiring captains, with more on-the-field authority, instead of the longest serving player. I repeat, these are only ideas, but knowing the feelings of the players, they would go a long way to help.

This briefly is Spain's unhappy story ... one, I feel, that will have a happy ending.

NOTE. Says an admiring Federation member: "The English team plays like a perfect machine, in spite of the changes introduced.... Sir Alfred Ramsey, although adversely critical, is slowly rebuilding a side more powerful than the World Cup winning XI."

Ronnie Allen, facing the task of reorganising the famous Atletico Bilbao, found trouble when he returned from holidaying in England. His chief aid, Rafa Iriondo, team manager of the League side and architect of Bilbao's cup-winning campaign, had resigned.

Refusing to renew his contract, Iriondo said: "I cannot be superseded by a general manager. I leave with regret, but without resentment."

It's bad luck for Allen, but something he will have to get used to. Resignations are two a penny in Spain.

President Felix Oraa welcomed Allen back with the bad news, but added: "Allen has our complete confidence. He is the 'leader of the orchestra'."

It is tradition with Bilbao that they hardly ever spend money on transfer fees and never sign a player from outside their home province of Vizcaya. The intriguing question everyone is asking is: Will Allen try to break the tradition or will he rely on developing players from what is known as Spain's greatest natural football nursery?

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Football management is not exclusively an English "hot spot". It's much hotter in Spain. When the season opens in September, ten of the 16 First Division clubs and 14 of the 20 Second Division clubs will be under new management.

Miguel Munoz, 12 years with Real Madrid, has stood the heat longest.

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Barcelona have renewed the contract of Miguel Reina, the goalkeeper they bought from Cordoba three years ago for £25,000 (a Spanish record for a 'keeper). Through military service, the brilliant form of international Sadurni, and injury, Reina has made only six league appearances. That's over £4,000 a match!

London fans saw him at Stamford Bridge in the drawn Chelsea-Barcelona Fairs Cup semi-final in May 1966. Barcelona players scored all four goals that evening.... Reina's own-goal was Chelsea's second.

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Two new names appear in Spain's Fairs Cup nominations . . . Las Palma, League runners-up and most consistent of the unfashionable clubs, and Sabadell.

Las Palma, with their four internationals, will be a hard nut to crack for any club ... Newcastle, Arsenal, Southampton and Liverpool!

BRIEF HISTORY OF ...

FOOTBALL IN GIBRALTAR

By J. STYCH
(Chairman, Gibraltar FA)

SOCCER was introduced to Gibraltar as far back as 1886 by the First Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment, assisted by the Black Watch. Between them and other regiments stationed there at the time, they dominated the proceedings until 1889.

The first Gibraltar civilian club was founded in 1894 under the name of Gibraltar FC. Their team was as follows:

A. Bacarese; M. Pitto, J. Garcia; A. Imossi, A. Bado, E. Parody; W. Ross, J. Rosenburg, E. Bramall, H. Hill, J. Hozelski.

The trainer was Mr. B. Vanessa who was also secretary of the club.

It was a year later, in 1895, that the Gibraltar Football Association was founded, being affiliated automatically to the English Football Association. It is believed to be amongst the first from the Commonwealth, then empire, colonies to be affiliated with the English FA.

Although football up to the First World War was dominated by the Services, it was at the turn of this century that two of Gibraltar's most revered clubs were founded, viz.:

The Prince of Wales Club in 1896 and the Britannia Club in 1900.

Both clubs still exist although, since the early 1960s, they have not been producing any teams, which is a great pity.

The heyday of Gibraltar's soccer history was between 1913 to 1953 when, with the visit of HM the Queen to the Rock in 1954 Spain have since not allowed their sides to play in Gibraltar.

In 1913, a GFA team beat Madrid 2-0 in Gibraltar but lost the return in the Spanish capital 3-1.

In 1925, Cowdenbeath, a Scottish First Division team, beat the GFA 6-1.

In 1935, 11 matches were played among some really first class sides which included Seville FC, and the Mediterranean and Atlantic fleet sides.

Prior to the Second World War, the GFA were hosts to Austria FC, Kispest (the Hungarian side later renamed Honved), Wien FC, and Nemzeti another Hungarian team. These teams incidentally inflicted 7-4, 7-2, 5-1 and 4-2 defeats on the local side.

The war years saw annual matches between the Combined Services and civilian sides.

In 1943, Gibraltar United FC was founded which nowadays boasts of three teams and which in 1960 won all 13 titles contested without losing a single match! A feat unlikely to be repeated.

In 1949, the Victoria Stadium was inaugurated. This stadium, used for all competitions since then, will we hope, be replaced by a new one in the not too distant future.

From 1949 to 1953 some excellent matches were played against such famous teams as Atletico Madrid, Malaga, Seville and an RAF side comprising players of the calibre of Firmani, Ray Wood and Brian Pilkington.

While in 1952, Beogradski of Yugoslavia visited the Rock, bringing with them the great custodian Beara, who was only beaten once during a tour of Europe, in Gibraltar!

Other teams which came that year were Admira FC of Austria, Dejerfors from Norway, the Austrian side Wacker, Mannheim from Germany and Zagreb from Yugoslavia, all excellent sides which brought full houses to the Victoria Stadium.

In 1954, GFA made the only tour to date with games against Dortmund Borussia, Stuttgart and the full Luxembourg XI. The only victory was against the last named side by 4-2. Nevertheless, the local side put up a magnificent show against the crack German sides.

Since then, visits to Gibraltar have been few and far between. Of note is the FA XI team which came in 1965. Their side was: Macedo (Fulham); Howe (WBA), Noble (Manchester United); Clayton (Blackburn Rovers), Thursby (Crook Town), Kendall (Preston NE); Rogers (Swindon Town), Melia (Southampton), Hateley (Aston Villa), Sadler (Manchester United), Sissons (West Ham).

In the party were Alf Ramsey (manager of England) and Wilf McGuiness (trainer, now chief coach to Manchester United). The party was led by Mr. I. Robinson, vice president of the FA, and Mr. Dennis Follows, secretary of the FA.

Other visits have been by Leicester City in 1962 and this year, and Stoke City in 1959.

NOTE: a team group photograph of a Gibraltar representative XI appears on page 47 of this issue.

PERONACE . . .

CHRIS WEST writes

IF Chris West had his own way he would, instead of writing you this Newsletter, prefer to give you the story of one week in the life of a football journalist. Apart from the fact that a wine-glass accidentally got stuck into my hand before the Manchester United versus Welsh XI friendly at Bangor, I have never felt so exhausted in all my life. As the football season in all major European countries gets longer, players, managers, journalists, etc., get little time for a break.

The man who has sapped most of my energy this week is the redoubtable Gigi Peronace, who was in charge of the Italian Under-21 party on their ten-day tour of England. Peronace, unlike Heriberto Herrera, whom I shall mention later, is the "commendatore"-manager par excellence—a mixture the grand dictator and "one of the lads".

In his London-based office, set in the beautiful grounds of St. Mary's College at Strawberry Hill, which was the headquarters for the Italian Olympic XI in 1967, he lets everyone know who's boss and yet is obliging, talking to his players on equal first-name terms, and even holding up important appointments and photocalls to attend to the personal problems of his young players.

In organisation he is the ultimate perfectionist; in mentality, the epitome of the liberal Italian, and so fluent in English and appreciative of our football and general culture, that one could almost describe him as Anglo-Italian.

This is not really surprising as for several years it was his job to come here seeking our top stars. He came with an open cheque book, poured many thousands of pounds into English club coffers and, in return, took home with him Eddie Firmani, John Charles, Gerry Hitchens, Denis Law and many others. He was also instrumental in signing Alec Stock for AS Roma.

As technical director to Juventus, Mr. Peronace spent many weeks studying the English game. "I come to England because here you have both quality and quantity," he said during one of his visits. Usually, he got his man—"John Charles was the finest player I ever set eyes on," he maintains—but occasionally he failed. One of his biggest disappointments was when Spurs turned down his £150,000 offer for Cliff Jones.

Gigi Peronace has always had a special love of English soccer. "After all, it was English players who originally gave me the appetite for the game," he recalls. In 1943 he started organising matches for British Army sides stationed in the Messina area.

After the war he went to univeristy in Turin to learn aircraft engineering. But, a year before he should have qualified, he walked out on his studies to devote his life to football. His first visit to this country was for the 1948 Olympic games; when he went home he took with him three members of the outstanding Danish amateur side!

Sig. Peronace has also been instrumental in organising club tours, Arsenal and Spurs being two top English sides who have enjoyed trips arranged by him.

Before joining Juventus, Mr. Peronace was sporting director of Torino FC. Four years ago he accepted his present post as organising manager to the Italian Football Association (FIGC), a job he carries out with all the thoroughness and professionalism of his previous activities.

ARRIVAL

As he organised his office and staff after his arrival in England for this tour, he reeled off all his hopes that this would be "a highly successful tour". If it had been the full international side coming for the World Cup, nothing could have been planned in finer detail. Everyone had his instructions, every minute of their stay had been planned—he almost told his players when to breathe! "There's only way to do a job—and that's to give it 100 per cent effort and efficiency," he smiled.

At the moment there is a limit to the number of foreigners permitted in Italian football. So we can relax in the knowledge that, when Mr. Peronace returns home from this trip, he will not be taking any of our players with him!

The tour results were as follows:

Aston Villa ...	1	Italian Under-21	0
Luton	3	Italian Under-21	2
Charlton	0	Italian Under-21	2
Sheffield Wed.	2	Italian Under-21	0
Arsenal	1	Italian Under-21	2

It is awfully difficult to sort out who really are the stars of the future amongst this excellent bunch of players. William Vecchi, Cudicini's deputy at Milan, was unfortunately injured during the fine match against Aston Villa, which gave Ivano Bordon, who is substitute goalie for Inter, a chance to play the match of his life against Charlton. It is hard to praise this courageous and rather laconic young man too highly, especially as the standard of goal-keeping in Italy has not the breadth nor depth which we are lucky enough to find within the confines of England.

Although I dislike making subjective judgements without having a lot more experience of seeing a player in action, I would choose for special mention De Paoli's stringer Antonello Cuccureddu from Brescia who, for speed and dynamism reminds me of Anastasi and the young Manchester United player Givens. Whilst on the subject of Juventus and Anastasi, I might add that Brescia refused an offer of several hundred thousand pounds plus Haller for Cuccureddu, and on the evidence it is not at all surprising that Brescia, newly arrived in *Serie A*, would not let him go.

A couple of forwards who impressed me were little Angelo Orazi from Verona, the youngest member of the party, and Dino Spadetto. These were especially in evidence during the matches against Luton and Charlton, and for boys so young they showed not only great ball control, but a maturity under pressure which belies their tender years.

I talked to Gigi Peronace for quite a long time after the matches at Luton and Charlton and he was quite explicit about the reasons for this tour:

"The FIGC," he said, "have known for some time that players are brought on much earlier in Great Britain. The average age of a first-team squad in Italy is something between 22 and 23. Now Italy wants to get more young blood coursing through

SPINOSI of the Italian Under-21 team.

PACE !

its veins. Teenage players are rarely introduced and this is because it is believed they have not got experience, and they must wait to acquire this. The object of forming an Under-21 side (the Under-23 side remains in existence of course) is to bring on these promising young players more quickly, helping them to acquire experience they would normally have to wait for. With the background this present group of players is obtaining the clubs are sure to give them immediate consideration.

"This will be good for Italian football. I think Under-21 games will prove so beneficial to the development of our games at junior level, they will become an important part of the future. Good youngsters ready for the first team can often mean a good sound future," he emphasised. "This tour," he added, "has been for our boys a kind of catharsis. You will notice that quite a number of them were crying after we just went down against Luton. I had to tell them it was poetic justice and that it was this very kind of experience and the ability to come through it which would make them into the great players of the future. Maybe it sank in: they responded with a display against Charlton that was really top-class even if a little emotional at times. All this when they had started off so dismally, could I say atrociously, against the hard boys at Aston Villa."

GIGI PERONACE chatting with RIMBANO (right) and CUCCUREDDU of the Italian Under-21 team.

SEVERITY

If Peronace epitomises the "capo"-manager, Heriberto Herrera is quite another kettle of fish. For the five years that he has been coaching the Juventus team, he has, like our own Sir Matt Busby, been very much in the public eye. The news of his transfer from the severity of Turin to the turmoil of Milan after he didn't get his own way (i.e. the players and money that he wanted) has provoked a great deal of controversy, and the main question being asked is who will change—Heriberto or his new colleagues?

Whilst it is inconceivable to imagine Herrera forsaking his rigid principles of systematic teamwork, it is equally improbable that the individualistic tradition of Inter will go by the board. The apparently insoluble problem is to establish some form of compromise between these two contrasting backgrounds.

Herrera was born in Paraguay 43 years ago. He began his coaching career in Spain, where he succeeded in dragging the Spanish team Elche from mediocrity into the upper reaches of the league table, and thereby attracted the attention and admiration of Juventus.

"La Juve" was to be Herrera's resting-ground—and he came through with flying colours. His rigorous training methods have made him both loved and hated by his players, who were forced to undergo the most taxing routines, but were the first to thank him when their labours bore fruit. That they did knuckle under is a tribute to Herrera, since Italian players are noted for their natural footballing skill rather than a willingness to work hard at self-improvement.

The basis of Herrera's system is that of teamwork; and this is a point on which he is most liable to clash with the individuals of Inter. For Herrera, the individual footballer is assessed on his contribution to the team as a whole. Could he succeed in blending the isolated talents of players of the calibre of Suarez, Mazzola or Corso into a cogent and fluid whole, he would entirely transform the somewhat tarnished image of Inter, and could well instigate a total overhaul of Italian football.

CREATION

The immediate problem is, as ever, to subdue brilliance without stifling it. His outstanding players must, according to Herrera himself, be made to fit into a free-style cadre, still retaining, however, the ability to break from the matrix-like confines of the *formazione*. Ideally, of course, this means the creation of an all-time Superleague team, which is precisely what Herrera—and every other Italian trainer—has been aiming at, the only difference being that, given favourable conditions and adequate co-operation, Herrera is probably the one most likely to succeed.

He insists on an extremely high standard of self-discipline, which I have witnessed myself when staying with the team at their "Hotel di Riposo", the famous Pineta, on the hills outside Turin, overlooking the Val d'Aosta. He is the epitome of a supreme fitness produced and maintained by strict training. He demands nothing of his players which is beyond his own capabilities, except perhaps youthful speed and *passione*.

After the summer lay-off, he trains alone for a week or so to get rid of any excess holiday pounds around the middle, so that when training restarts he is at peak fitness. If his players are not fit, or not training hard enough, they are liable to be told so in no uncertain terms.

But they are generally warned beforehand not to take it to heart; in his own words: "Don't worry too much, lads; I don't want to offend anybody, and everything's forgotten as soon as it's said." Whether or not this will placate the pride of some of Inter's individuals remains to be seen.

Heriberto Herrera is a great exponent of the "sound player in a healthy body" maxim, so that one of his basic rules is a regular ordered diet. A typical day begins at 8 a.m. with a breakfast of plenty of fruit in season — be it grapes, pears, peaches, bananas—followed by coffee or tea, bread, butter and marmalade. After 12 hours' rest, says Herrera, a large breakfast is necessary, and will help to build up the players' energy to a peak ready for the morning's training stint. A curious variation on this régime takes place on match days, when no butter

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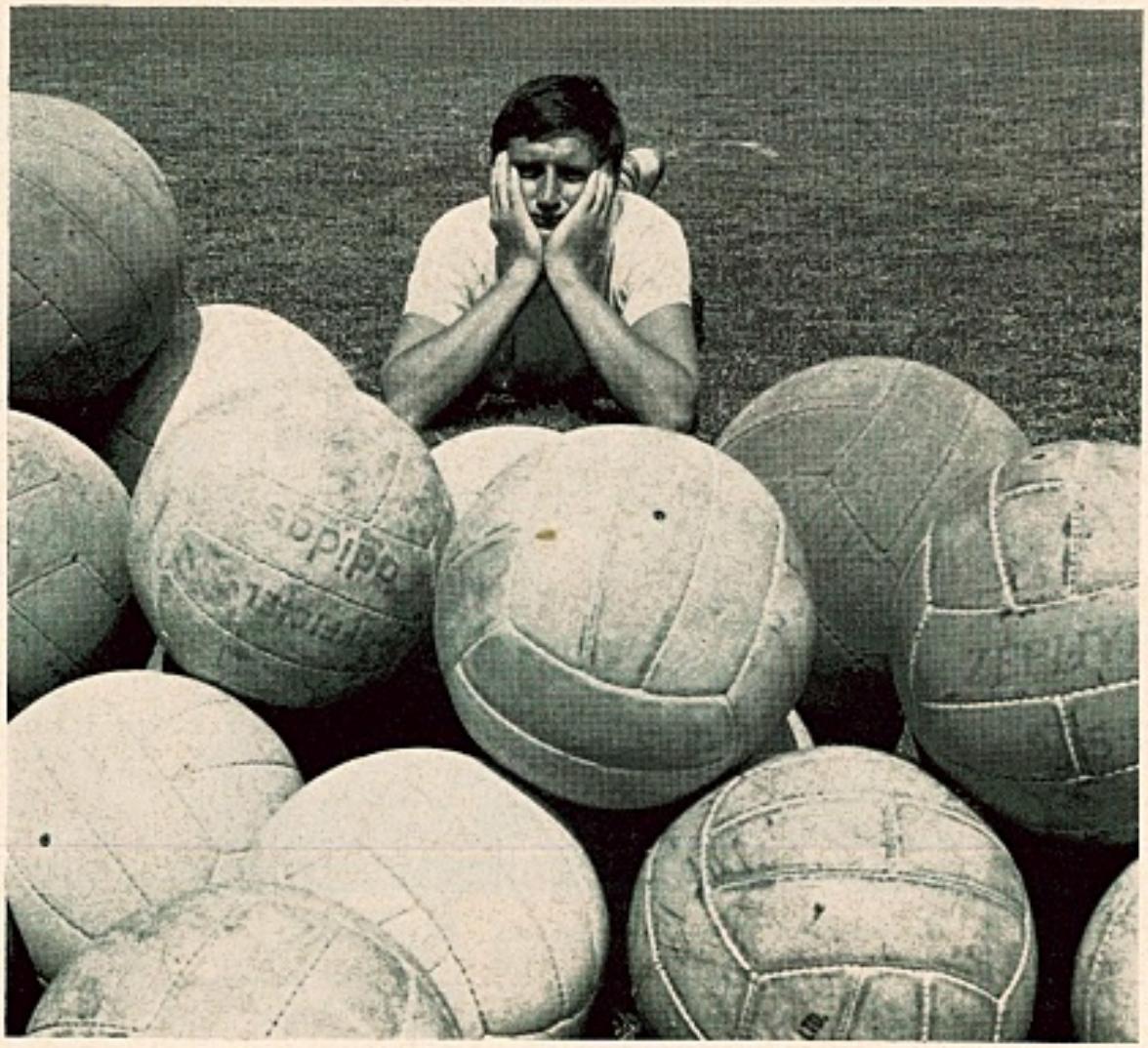
assault on the League champion
team manager Wilf



Player with the puzzled look is Crystal Palace John Jackson, no doubt hoping that he doesn't come across any problems like this one during his first season in the senior grade. (A)

FEYENOORD FC—back row left to right: Treytel, Haak, Laseroms, Romein, Israel, Wery, Veldhoen, Pieters Graafland. Front: Teuns, Kindvall, Hasil, Geels, Hanegem, Janssen, Moulijn. (UPI)

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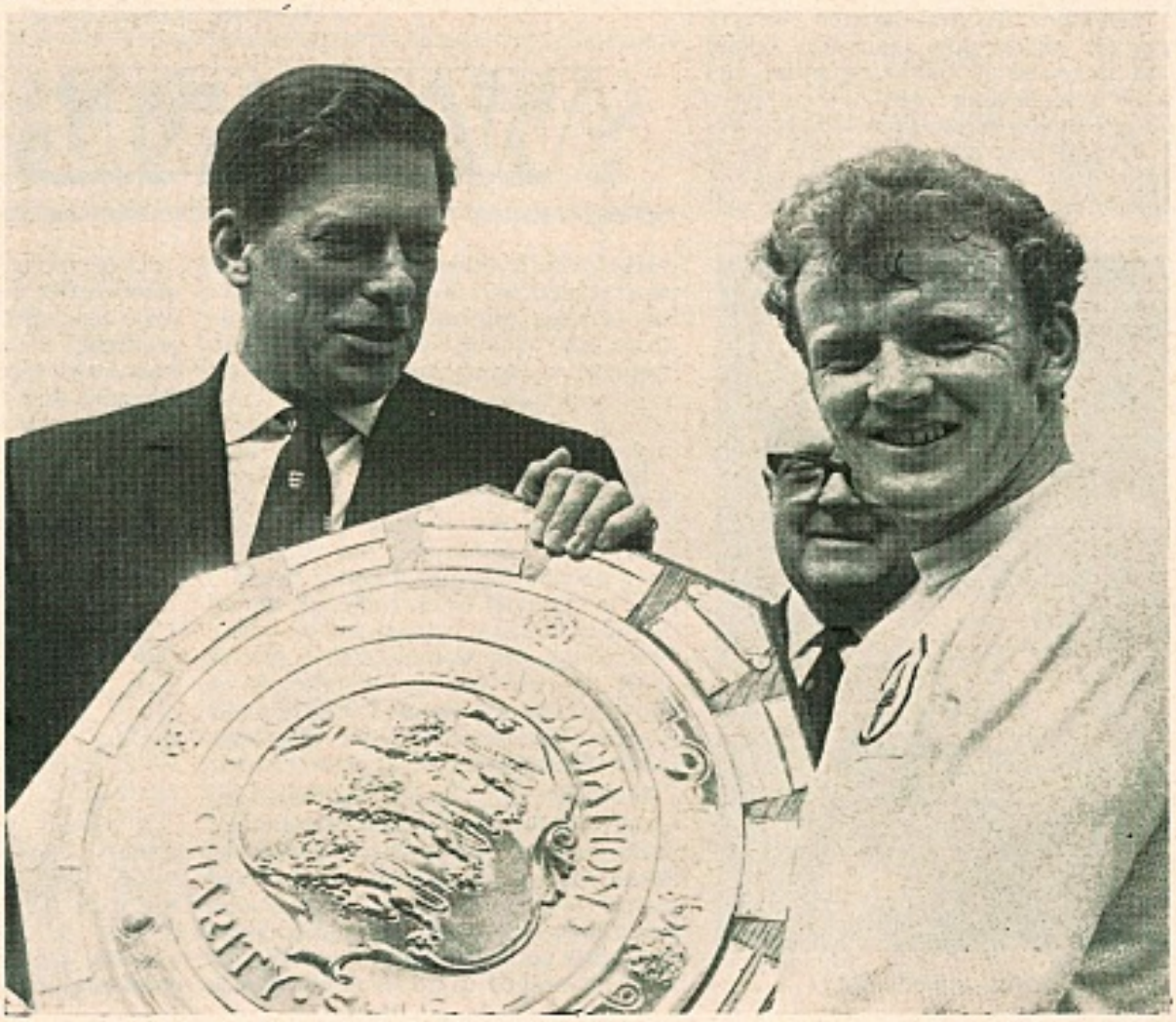
SPARTAK TRNAVA FC—back row left to right: Jozek Adamec, Frantisek Kozinka, Ladislav Kuna, Stanislav Jarabek, Kamil Majernik, Vladimir Hagara and J. Hucko (coach). Front: Karol Dobias, Stanislav Martinkovic, Adam Farkas, Anton Hrusecky, Dusan Farkas. (UPI)

Not altogether surprisingly the first trophy of the new English season, the Charity Shield, went to Leeds United. Pictured is Leeds skipper Billy Bremner receiving the Shield from the Earl of Harewood. (Prov 1)



ERIC BATTY makes his annual selection . . .

IN conversation recently with Mr. Karoly Soos, selector-manager of the Hungarian national team, it became clear that he and I see the future of the game in similar terms: No fixed positions, multi-purpose players and with the team contracting and expanding according to possession of the ball, rapid inter-passing and continuous movement *off the ball*. Easy to talk about and simple to imagine but not at all easy to find in these days of allegedly modern soccer.

Looking around the world, Mr. Soos told me there are a few players already playing this kind of game and mentioned Beckenbauer, Prati and Gerd Muller but, emphasising how difficult it is to build a team, he ventured the opinion that there are not enough complete players to make one team—even if the entire world was at his disposal.

In my opinion Mr. Soos was being a little too critical though after making my annual nominations for the world's best XI it is clear there is hardly anyone left to form the nucleus of a reserve side.

The standards demanded at the very top are higher now than ever before and if soccer is becoming more and more a team game with the emphasis on collectivity rather than individuality it is clear that teams are made up of individuals. It is players of outstanding individual skill who use each other and work for each other, who develop into team players and if there are any number of such players there are not so many who qualify under the "multi-purpose" category mentioned earlier.

KARL-HEINZ SCHNELLINGER

WORLD'S

BOBBY MOORE. (A)

CRITICISM

Bayern Munchen's Gerd Muller and West Ham's Geoff Hurst are of very similar style but if they are as outstanding as I think, they are essentially front players. To ask either of them to play in midfield or at full-back would seriously reduce their effectiveness. This is not intended as a criticism of either player but is mentioned to underline the all-round ability of West Ham's Martin Peters or Bayern's Franz Beckenbauer.

If these two, Peters and Beckenbauer, are the outstanding examples of multi-purpose players it must be acknowledged that there are perhaps many more scattered around the world who could develop into players of similar stature if they were allowed and encouraged to do so at club level.

Even today, when the game is so much better understood than it was 20 years ago, there are still many men in positions of authority and influence who insist that backs must be defenders and that wing-halves should never cross the half-way line. It is this negative attitude, far more widespread than the casual observer would imagine, which retards the game and undoubtedly holds back many players.

REINFORCE

In this respect the game itself is also responsible for the apparent disappearance of players who can play on the wings. At a time when a majority of coaches are thinking in terms of a 4-4-2 framework, wingers have been sacrificed in order to reinforce defences.

It would be against all logic to assume that wingers are no longer being born and that this process began as far back as 1948. The truth is that in many professional clubs wingers are no longer required and good players with a natural bent for

GORDON BANKS
Stoke City & England

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KARL-HEINZ SCHNELLINGER
AC Milan & West Germany

3
GIACINTO FACCHETTI
FC Internazionale & Italy

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MARTIN PETERS
West Ham & England

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FRANZ BECKENBAUER
FC Bayern Munchen & West Germany

6
BOBBY MOORE
West Ham & England

7
FERENC BENE
Ujpest Dozsa & Hungary

11
DRAGAN DZAJIC
Red Star, Belgrade & Yugoslavia

8
GEOFF HURST
West Ham & England

9
GERD MULLER
FC Bayern Munchen & West Germany

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WLODZIMIERZ LUBANSKI
Gornik Zabrze & Poland

GORDON BANKS. (A)

wing play are being encouraged to adapt themselves into midfield players and centre-forwards.

This same criticism can hardly be applied to goalkeepers, however, but surveying the field it seems clear that over the last few years the general standard has declined. My choice here is Gordon Banks of Stoke City and England, whose all-round reliability earns him precedence over Penarol's Ladislav Mazurkiewiecz and Dino Zoff of Italy.

BEST XI?

At full-back the younger generation who impressed during the 1966 World Cup — Schalamanov (Bulgaria) and Kaposzta (Hungary)—have failed to develop and I cannot think of a better pair than West Germany's Karl-Heinz Schnellinger of AC Milan and his local rival Giancinto Facchetti. Powerful, quick and skilful, they each have outstanding qualities and if Facchetti has earned a reputation for scoring goals, Schnellinger's razor-sharp tackling and skilful distribution enables him to stand out.

The old middle line of which the critics were so fond in the '30s no longer exists, save on paper, but it would be difficult to find three more suitable players than Peters, Beckenbauer and Moore.

Outside the Bundesliga, Beckenbauer is better known as a midfield player but for years he has been the prop in the Bayern Munchen defence where his ability to read the game has been of inestimable value.

Peters is practically the ideal when one thinks of multi-purpose players and while he can and often does venture out into midfield he does a superb job for England in a more restricted role.

My inside-forward trio, Geoff Hurst, Gerd Muller and Wlodzimierz Lubanski, are all very similar in style. This would be a valid criticism of my selection if it were ever intended to put my team into the field but in fact this has never been the intention.

Though it is the fashion to include at least two "constructive" players in attack who drop back into midfield in match play, my inside-forward trio are accustomed to playing "off" their colleagues to a very great extent and sharing this ability it is likely that they would perform well together in the unlikely event that the opportunity should arise. And if they should find a common touch—what an avalanche of goals would result!

LEFT FLANK

To complete my selection Yugoslavia's Dragan Dzajic is almost alone on the left wing in international football not only because of his outstanding ability but also because so few teams nowadays choose to field a forward who plays from the left flank.

There are far more right-wingers to choose from, of course, but none of the more popular figures appeals to me overmuch. I prefer Hungary's Ferenc Bene, usually a centre-forward but no stranger to the right wing for club and country.

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ready but pleas for more time fell on deaf ears.

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MOSCOW: Eduard Streltsov has won a reprieve from expulsion from his club side, it was learned here today. Last week a report in the trade union newspaper *Trud* said Streltsov had been banned. But today another newspaper, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, reported that Streltsov had merely been suspended from the team for five matches for "incorrect behaviour towards opponents" in a match on July 10.

The soccer sources explained that the management of the big Likhachov car factory, which runs the Moscow Torpedo club, had at first decided to expel Streltsov from the team. But it agreed to soften the punishment after a meeting of the club's coaches council, the sources said. They could give no further details.

The *Komsomolskaya Pravda* report said the suspension of Streltsov "serves as a good warning to all players who do not respect their opponents, the judges and spectators. Let both experienced stars and young players just beginning their careers in the big game remember that no one is allowed to break the laws of sporting etiquette."

ZURICH: FIFA today appeared to have won its battle with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to keep 16 teams in the finals of the 1972 football tournament. A FIFA statement released here today said IOC president, Avery Brundage, was considering favourably FIFA arguments for maintaining the *status quo* of 16 teams—instead of halving them to eight as he previously wanted.

More next month

Australian stopper Alan Marnoch clears under pressure in a recent international against Greece. (AD)

AUSSIES SHAKE GREECE

by ANDREW DETTRE

"WORLD Cup, here we come"—that's the spirited catch-cry in Australia where, at last, the public's imagination has been rekindled for the first time since the victorious Saigon tournament of 1967.

The opportunity this time was provided by Greece, who came to Australia to play a series of matches. The first three were against Australia and resulted in a 1-0 win for Australia, a 2-2 draw and finally a 2-0 win for Greece.

This, on the face of it, may look slightly better than it is. The Greeks, for reasons never fully explained, arrived without some of their stars, such as Domazos, Sideris, Botinos, Economopoulos and Gaitidjis, who preferred to go on overseas tours with their teams, Olympiakos and Panathinaikos.

Still, the Greeks were prepared to play the full internationals, blandly claiming that the replacements were "being blooded" for future World Cup elimination battles.

Australia took the series rather seriously. A squad of 22 players was assembled for a week in Sydney, under the care of national coach Joe Vlasits, team manager Joe Barclay and medical officer Dr. Brian Corrigan, whose photo last October was flashed around the world as he was nursing a broken-hearted Ron Clarke back into life on the tartan of Mexico's Olympic Stadium.

The week, as everyone knew, was woefully short, yet Vlasits produced a surprisingly fit and combative side. In the first match, played in Sydney before a crowd of 30,000, the Australian team had ten players from Sydney and one from Melbourne—and almost bowled the stunned Greeks over.

Chance after chance was fluffed by the Australian forwards, among them eight colossal "sitters" which any boy from Hackney Marsh would convert with his eyes closed. However, the nervous Aussies let the Greeks off the hook and finally had to be content with a narrow 1-0 win, achieved through a penalty in the 62nd minute.

The second encounter in Brisbane had a different complexion. The Greeks, keen to redeem themselves, gave a vastly improved first-half display and with two goals by Dedes—Greece's second top scorer in the recent League season—looked to be in a commanding lead.

Australia, however, fought back magnificently. Vojtek pulled one back in the 47th minute and then Baartz equalised some ten minutes later. Greece was now on the defensive and the game became rugged. Still, somehow the Greeks held out and returned to their hotel without conceding a second defeat.

Impression

The third encounter took place in Melbourne, before a crowd of 28,000. This time the Greeks took no chances. Dedes in the first half and AEK star Papaioannou early in the second put the Greeks well ahead—and then closed up the game. Hard as they tried, the Aussie forwards just couldn't make much impression on the rugged Toskas, Intzogliou, Spiridon and others and so had to be content to tie the three-match series.

Frankly, the Greeks were disappointing. Without their best players they just couldn't rise to Olympian heights—and made us wonder how they could have beaten Portugal in Athens, then hold them to a draw in Lisbon.

All their players appeared to be fairly accomplished professionals, but their pattern of play was slow, even cumbersome. Certainly, they didn't look one iota better than Cardiff City, whom we saw in Australia last year.

The matches were still most useful to measure the overall strength of Australia which, in October, travels to Seoul in South Korea and takes on Japan, Rhodesia and the host country in a round-robin tournament in the World Cup sub-group 15/1.

Basically, coach Vlasits is most unlikely to change his team, let alone his squad. However, he will try to arrange some more get-togethers to improve the team's cohesion, especially in attack where a fair deal of work has yet to be done.

Selection

Some players just about bought their tickets for Seoul in the matches against Greece. Full-back Manfred Schaefer, stopper Alan Marnoch, free-back John Watkiss, mid-field link John Warren and spearhead Ray Baartz can be certain of selection. So can Stan Ackerley, another full-back, provided his nagging muscle injury clears up while forwards Ottie Abonyi, Tom McColl and Bill Vojtek will have to lose touch completely to be by-passed.

Some of the other berths are still wide open—and Vlasits will have to think hard and fast to make his final decision. In goal Ron Corry has been the automatic choice so far—but his lack of height may go against him. Lou Kastner and Jim Frazer are two other possibles.

Bill Rice and Gary Wilkins are in the race for further full-back berths and so will be ex-Arsenal man George Keith, who missed the Greek series through injury.

Among the mid-fielders, Danny Walsh, John Perin and Ray Lloyd could be in the touring party, while the available forward berths may be filled by Adrian Alston, Joe Alagich and Gary Manuel.

The team is likely to get to Seoul about a week before the first match, set down for October 10. And knowing Vlasits, they will all be fit and rarin' to go.

There will be nothing wrong with their confidence. After all, they proved against Greece, one of Europe's up-and-coming teams, that Australia must be given a chance even against the Kamamoto-led Japan.

Whether they can actually pull it off in Seoul remains to be seen. Both the South Koreans and the Japanese undertook extentive European tours to gain experience and to blend their teams for the vital World Cup elimination series. Australia is preparing at home. In fact, the League season still has some six weeks to go, so the players are not without match practice.

In next month's WORLD SOCCER I will give a last-minute preview of the Seoul tourney from where I will give a detailed report in a later issue.

HUNGARIAN NEWS . . .

HALF-WAY THERE

LESLIE VERNON

FOR the first time in several years, Ujpesti Dozsa are the "half-time" champions of Hungary. The Lilac and Whites, undaunted by the rather surprising Fairs Cup defeats, finished the spring season in great style, winning their remaining matches easily following the international break: v. MTK 6-0 (Bene 2, Fazekas 2, Nagy 2), v. Raba 5-1 (Bene 2, E. Dunai, Nagy, o.g.), v. Eger 4-1 (Bene, A. Dunai, Solymosi, Fazekas).

Antal Dunai's injury sustained in the Copenhagen match proved less serious than it was first feared, and last season's "goal-king" was back in the attack for the final game.

These six points helped Dozsa to a 25 points total out of a possible 30, but they are closely followed by Ferencvaros (24) and the revitalised Honved (23).

The army team have a much more effective forward line now than in previous seasons. Twenty-year-old newly capped Miklos Kozma is scoring freely, his old club-mate from Szeged, Pusztai, is playing really well on the right flank, and one of the most talented young Hungarian players, Kocsis, has at last found a way to discipline himself and attain some sort of consistency. These youngsters are admirably led by the veteran, Tichy, who is back in the first team after a couple of seasons' absence due to nagging injuries and loss of confidence.

These three teams opened a gap on top of the table, and with Albert definitely out till October and Honved not quite ready yet, Dozsa are odds-on favourites for the title.

Rudolf Ilovszky's Vasas are going through a sticky period although the differences with their sulking stars are now patched up and Farkas and Meszoly are back in the team. All is forgiven and forgotten . . . until the next time!

This year might be the last when the championship is run in a calendar year. According to the latest FA proposition, once again they would like to revert to an autumn-spring schedule in order to keep in step with most of the other European countries. The present plan suggests a three-legged campaign in 1970–71, and the new champions would be crowned in May 1971! Exact details are not yet worked out, but I have no doubt that this proposal will be adopted, if only to show that the Association does its utmost to help the clubs in the big European competitions.

This was the only concrete reform brought forward in a much publicised football summit held in Budapest following the Copenhagen disaster. Under the chairmanship of Gyula Hegyi, FA president, all and sundry were invited (legislators, coaches, referees, journalists, etc.) to air their views on how the general dismal picture can be improved. Many wise words were spoken, but there were too numerous subjects discussed in a short time, and most of the points raised were common knowledge before the meeting. The exchange of ideas cannot do any harm, but only positive action brings results, such as the introduction of a form of professionalism, binding contracts between clubs and players, a better controlled transfer system, etc.

Two players of great reputation have finally hung up their boots and promptly joined the "Old Boys" team of Hungary. Sandor Matrai, 37-year-old ex-Ferencvaros full-back with 80 caps, said goodbye to Egyetertes, and Ferenc Sipos, also 37, with 77 international appearances, left Honved.

The clubs were rather "harshly" treated in the European Cups—they all drew tough opponents. Ferencvaros, in their present mood, will find CSKA Sofia a difficult hurdle to overcome, and MTK have a hard trip to Magdeburg in the Cup Winners Cup. Dozsa might be good enough for Partizan Belgrade, but the provincial representatives, Raba, could go out against the vastly improved Lausanne.

The national team's qualification for Mexico is still the most important objective of Hungarian football. Team manager, Karoly Soos, has decided to rejuvenate the squad for the vital clash in Prague on September 14.

"The 'reserved places' era is over," he declared. "From now on, the players have to earn their international selections. We need a completely new approach in the physical and mental preparations. I expect complete dedication from every single member of the squad.

"Albert is out because of injury, and in his place we badly need a new dominating personality. I am looking for somebody who works hard in training, and is determined and untiring for 90 minutes during the matches. He should be able to form a firm friendship with every member of the party, his character and personal behaviour should be impeccable. The younger players need an example to look up to."

I am quoting Mr. Soos at length because it is typical of present-day Hungarian football that a team manager has to spell out requirements which are taken for granted everywhere else (almost!). Soos has two candidates for the job (yet unnamed) and my guess is that Gorocs will be the new skipper.

The squad (newcomers in italic):

Goalkeepers: Szentmihalyi, Tamas. Full-backs: Kaposzta, Ihasz, Bankuti, *Ruzsinszki* (Honved, 23 years old), *Kelemen* (Honved, 21 years old), Panesics. Midfield: Szucs, E. Dunai, Juhasz, *Halmosi* (Szombathely, 22 years old), Gorocs, *Somogyi* (Raba, 23 years old). Forwards: *Pusztai* (Honved, 23 years old), *Kocsis* (Honved, 22 years old), Fazekas, Zambo, Bene, A. Dunai, Kozma.

The programme up to the decisive September 14 and beyond: Training camp: July 21–August 6. August 7 v. Halle (E. Germany) at a provincial town in Hungary. August 13 v. Under-23 team at Budapest. August 27 v. Fiorentina at Florence. September 7 v. the Bulgarian Under-23 team at Budapest. September 10, leaving for Prague! September 24 v. Sweden (friendly) at Stockholm. October 22 v. Denmark (World Cup), and November 5 v. Rep. of Ireland (World Cup), both at the Nepstadium.

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Searching the Soccer Scene with ARTHUR ROTMIL

ITALIANS NOT SLIP

THE exciting battles for entry into the World Cup finals were temporarily suspended in the eight European groups during the off-season months of July and August. But the following three months will prove decisive and by the end of the year we shall know all 16 finalists in readiness for the draw of the final groups, due to be held in Mexico City on January 10.

So far, from Europe, only England as holders and Belgium the winners of Group Six, are qualified but in all other preliminary groups the situation is delicately balanced and some of the favourites will be hard pushed to make it, whilst one or two fancied nations are virtually out of the running. It is already certain that next year's world series might feature Haiti or El Salvador, either Japan or South Korea or Israel plus teams like Nigeria or Sudan or Morocco, but *not* Yugoslavia, Spain, nor probably Portugal, Scotland or even Hungary!

Theoretically, Portugal could still succeed in Group One—if they win both their away games in Rumania and Switzerland, but the Greeks could then qualify by beating Switzerland at home and Rumania away. The Swiss still have a slender chance of at least forcing a play-off, but Rumania, a point ahead and the only nation with two home games left, must be the favourites here. If they beat Portugal at home on October 12, they could be home and dry.

Hungary's sensational 2-3 defeat in Denmark in Group Two, opens the way for Czechoslovakia, who need only to defeat the Magyars at home, unless they fail against the Irish Republic as they did lamentably in the European championships nearly two years ago. But a win for Hungary in Prague on September 14 would see them through, whilst a draw would at least ensure a play-off. Italy, unbeaten in their away fixtures, appear to have Group Three all but sewn up. Undefeated at home in their last 27 games (of which only six were drawn) they are unlikely to slip against Wales and East Germany. The former seem virtually out of it while the latter must travel and win both matches or alternately succeed in Cardiff and at least draw in Italy on November 22, to force a decider.

In Group Four, Russia cannot afford to drop any points against Turkey, whom Northern Ireland beat twice already. The moment of truth will come in their clashes with the Irish. The Soviets do not appear to have a settled side at the moment but neither have the Irish, who will be praying for George Best to produce a stroke of genius to upset the "big bear". They meet on September 10 at Belfast and October 22 in Moscow. Sweden are clear favourites to triumph in Group Five after twice beating Norway, who took two valuable points away from the French. Even assuming that points are shared, home and away, this makes the Swedes solid certainties for Mexico. On October 15 Sweden are at home to France and a victory could prove decisive.

In Group Seven, West Germany, next hosts to Scotland, who must still also visit Austria, seems almost certain to go through. One cannot visualise the recent Scottish team pulling off a sensation at Hamburg on October 22 and follow up with a victory in Vienna, but though football has frequently produced its surprises, these rarely occur in pairs. Bulgaria opened in Group Eight with three straight wins but all were at home. Holland "bought" an extra home tie when Luxembourg agreed to stage their home match in Rotterdam, no doubt in the hope of cashing in. Poland could tip the scales in their home games with Bulgaria and Holland though their own inconsistency has probably put paid to their chances. The vastly improved Bulgarians must be fancied to qualify and most likely their visit to Holland in this group's final match on October 22 will settle the issue.

Taking into account recent form but also remembering the glorious uncertainty of the game, the last eight from Europe could line up thus: Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Russia, Sweden, Belgium, West Germany and Bulgaria. To make up the 16 finalists we might see in addition: Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Haiti, Japan, Nigeria, Mexico and England.

By the way, the season of tipping World Cup winners has already begun: Senor Guillermo Canedo, president of the Mexican FA and chairman of the World Cup organising committee, thinks that the Jules Rimet trophy will be won by ... Belgium!

WILL UP!

Average — 106,000!

No other soccer stadium in the world can boast of such consistently giant crowds as the Estadio Mario Filho, formerly known as Maracana and located in Brazil's largest city, Rio de Janeiro. Opened in 1950 in readiness for the World Cup finals, it then produced an all-time attendance record for any football match, when an estimated 212,000 fans turned up for the decisive game between Brazil and Uruguay.

Although officially the paying customers totalled 173,599, nearly 40,000 also gained admission through free passes, special tickets, permits, invitation cards, etc., to swell this colossal gate, which may never be surpassed. But the largest football ground ever built continues to draw big crowds and this year alone, the 47 games staged there attracted over five million (!) spectators—for an average of 106,000 per match!

Since 1950, nearly 58 million soccer enthusiasts will have passed through the turnstiles of Maracana, averaging 2,885,000 per year. Here is the list of the highest attendances registered to date (paying customers only):

1963—Flamengo v. Fluminense	177,656
1954—Brazil v. Paraguay (World Cup qual.)	174,599
1950—Brazil v. Uruguay (World Cup final)	173,599
1969—Flamengo v. Fluminense	171,599
1950—Brazil v. Spain (World Cup final series)	162,260

With the exception of the World Cup final referred to above, the other gates can easily be rounded off, on account of the special passes, etc., to about 180,000—which incidentally is the maximum allowed nowadays by the authorities.

European Topscorers

For the first time a Greek forward became Europe's top league scorer: 29-year-old Georgios Sideris, centre-forward of Olympiakos, who hit 35 goals in 34 matches to succeed last year's leading goal-getter Eusebio, whose tally was 42 in 26 games.

The best ratio, however, was achieved by the Luxembourg star Berty Heger (Avenir Beggen), who averaged 1.36 per match. Curiously enough, Belgium's top scorer was a Hungarian, Nagy; in Switzerland a German, Peters, while in Holland joint first was the Swede Kindvall. Eusebio's mantle in Portugal was taken over by Manuel Antonio from Academica but in Spain goal-getters were at a premium, Amancio and Garate sharing the prize with only 14 goals each. Here is the list of top league scorers in 24 European countries:

Austria: Köglberger (FK Austria	31
Belgium: Nagy (Standard Liege)	20
Bulgaria: Jekov (CSKA Sofia)	32
Czechoslovakia: Petras (Banska Bystrica)	20
East Germany: Kostmann (Hansa Rostock)	18
England: Greaves (Tottenham)	27
Eire: Leech (Shamrock Rovers)	19
France: Guy (Olympique Lyon)	25
Greece: Sideris (Olympiakos)	35
Holland: Kindvall (Feyenoord) and Van Dyk (Twente)	30
Hungary: Dunai (Ujpest Dozsa)	31
Italy: Riva (Cagliari)	21
Luxembourg: Heger (Avenir Beggen)	30
Northern Ireland: Pavis (Linfield)	19
Portugal: Manuel Antonio (Academica)	19
Rumania: Dumitrache (Dynamo Bucharest)	22
Russia: Abdouraimov (Pachtakor)	22
Scotland: Cameron (Dundee United)	26
Spain: Amancio (Real Madrid) and Garate (Atletico Madrid)	14
Sweden: Erlund (Atvidaberg)	17
Switzerland: Peters (Biel)	24
Turkey: Metin (Galatasaray)	17
West Germany: Müller (Bayern Munich)	30
Yugoslavia: Lazarevic (Red Star)	20

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Heavenly Verdict!

The man arriving at the gates of Heaven introduces himself to the Holy Guardian: "I am an Irish football referee and have always lived and worked honestly, though there is a blot on my conscience which I cannot forget. Once I awarded an unjust penalty to St. Patrick's who thus beat Shamrock Rovers by 1-0 and became champions, whilst their opponents were relegated. I hope that this sinful act will not condemn me to hell."

"Not at all," replied the Holy Man, "you needn't have worried about this. Come through this gate and be welcomed to Paradise." "Oh, thank you," said the referee, "thank you so much, St. Peter." The Holy Guardian smiled: "It's all right, my good man. By the way, I am not St. Peter—I am St. Patrick!"

DARTS WELL AHEAD

Report from COLIN JOSE

WITH both the American and North American Soccer Leagues now past the half-way stage in this year's championship, clear-cut contenders for the league titles are beginning to emerge.

In the Northern Division of the American Soccer League (ASL) the race is between the Rochester Lancers and the surprising Syracuse Scorpions, newcomers to the league this season, while in the South the Washington Darts have pulled eight points clear of the rest of the field.

Meanwhile in the new limited version of the North American Soccer League the Kansas City Spurs, bolstered by the addition of players from the now defunct California Clipper organisation, lead the Atlanta Chiefs by ten points.

In the ASL, two clubs, Rochester and Washington, remain undefeated, with the Lancers' streak running to ten games and that of the Darts to 11. However, the Darts have won seven of their 11 games, while the Lancers have won only four of their ten. The chances of these two teams meeting for the ASL title would seem to be excellent, however the Syracuse Scorpions may yet have a say in this matter.

At the moment the Scorpions trail the Lancers by one point but the teams have to meet each other at home and away before the season ends. In their two meetings to date Rochester won 4-1 in Rochester, a score which flattered them, and the teams drew 1-1 in Syracuse.

The Syracuse club, who were formed only last summer, are made up of the usual cosmopolitan group of players typical of any North American professional or semi-professional team, and are coached by Italian-born Sal De Rosa.

In goal is Claude Campos, a Brazilian who played with Bonsucesso in 1964, while the defence includes Winston Earle, who was with the Baltimore Bays last season, and Don Lalka, who was a member of the ASL All-Star team with Rochester last year.

Ghanaian star, Yao Kamkam, has turned in some excellent performances in mid-field, while his countryman, Frank Odoi, has added bite to the attack. Jim Lefkos, who was born in Cyprus, is the club's leading scorer with 11 to his credit.

Gerry Browne, centre-forward of the Washington Darts, is currently the league's leading goalscorer with 15, having topped the league's goalscoring list last season with nine, a total shared with club-mate Romulo Cortez.

Browne greatly boosted his chances of winning the title outright this season when he scored five goals in the first half against Newark in Washington on June 22. Browne, who joined the Darts last season, comes from Trinidad, where he played for the Paragon club and for his country. His five gaols, of which three were headers, set a new ASL record for goals scored by an individual in one game. The Darts won the game 6-0.

A team made up of players from Rochester, Syracuse and New York Inter met the Chilean club Universidad Catolica in an exhibition game at Dillon Stadium in Hartford, Connecticut, on July 23 and surprised everyone by winning 4-3, with all of the ASL's goals coming from Carlos Metidieri of Rochester.

Many of the players who were with clubs in last year's NASL but found themselves without jobs as a result of 11 of the organisations folding up, have found positions with the five remaining clubs.

The addition of players like Leonel Conde, Ademar Saccone and last year's NASL scoring runner-up Cirilo "Pepe" Fernandez to the Kansas City Spurs roster after the California Clippers threw in the towel, has greatly bolstered that team's chances of winning this year's NASL title, but both Atlanta and Dallas are in a strong position should the Spurs slip.

Dallas did Kansas City a favour on July 20 when they went to Atlanta and upset the Chiefs 2-1. Both of the Dallas goals came from former Atlanta player Ron Newman, who is now the player-coach of the Tornado.

A crowd of 2,270 watched the game, despite the counter-attraction of the moon shot. Not a large crowd for any other part of the world, it was still larger than the crowd who saw Aston Villa play Wolves in the same city earlier in the season.

Peter Millar, the American international who was on the roster of New York Inter of the ASL at the start of the season, has moved to the Baltimore Bays, where he is currently the club's joint top scorer with Art Welch. The St. Louis Stars have signed former Red Star Belgrade player Dragan Popovich from the Kansas City Spurs.

On the amateur scene in the United States the British Lions club of Washington defeated the St. Louis Kutis to win the National Amateur title.

A number of European clubs continue to tour North America, and indications are that several more will be making the trip before the league schedules start in their own countries.

Staged

Inter Bratislava of Czechoslovakia, after playing on the west coast, played two games against clubs from the NASL. In Atlanta they drew with the Chiefs 2-2, and then went on to beat the Kansas City Spurs 3-1 in Chicago.

MTK of Hungary and the Greek club Olympiakos met in Toronto, in a game staged by the Toronto Hellas club of the Ontario National League, and this came very close to being a fiasco.

Even though the game was only publicised in the Greek, Hungarian and Italian press in Toronto, and received scant mention in the Toronto dailies as a result of extremely poor public relations, the game attracted a crowd in the region of 7,500.

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE

Attendances

	1969			1968			1967		
	GP	Total	Average	GP	Total	Average	GP	Total	Average
ATLANTA CHIEFS	4	16,103	4,025	19	165,632	8,717	15	104,426	6,962
BALTIMORE BAYS	4	14,067	3,516	16	64,944	4,059	16	101,397	6,506
ST. LOUIS STARS	3	9,703	3,234	17	106,970	6,292	16	121,809	7,613
KANSAS CITY SPURS	4	11,763	2,940	19	166,278	8,751	—	—	—
DALLAS TORNADO	3	6,350	2,116	16	46,142	2,883	6	55,358	9,226

Note: 1968 figures are for all games including international exhibitions similar to those staged in the International Cup.

NASL INTERNATIONAL CUP

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KANSAS CITY (WOLVES)	8	6	0	2	25	13	57
BALTIMORE BAYS (WEST HAM)	8	5	1	2	23	13	52
DALLAS TORNADO (DUNDEE UNITED)	8	2	2	4	13	22	31
ATLANTA CHIEFS (ASTON VILLA)	8	2	2	4	10	16	28
ST. LOUIS STARS (KILMARNOCK)	8	2	1	5	11	18	26

Note: Points were awarded on the basis of 6 for a win, 3 for a draw and a point for every goal scored up to three.

Figures from Canada

CANADIAN SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—MINOR SOCCER REGISTERED MINOR SOCCER PLAYERS

Province	1966	1967	1968	% Annual Increase	Projected 1969
ALBERTA	1,570	2,071	3,833	85%	6,100
BRITISH COLUMBIA	12,660	14,490	17,360	2%	18,992
MANITOBA	756	1,030	1,520	48%	1,700
NEW BRUNSWICK	—	—	—	—	—
NEWFOUNDLAND	500	750	1,885	151%	2,715
NOVA SCOTIA	—	1,000	3,045	204%	3,800
ONTARIO	8,242	9,804	14,332	46%	17,529
QUEBEC	8,350	10,000	12,000	20%	14,000
SASKATCHEWAN	336	668	759	13%	994
Totals	32,564	39,813	54,734	37.4%	65,830

Washington Darts 1969: Back row: F. Gabrielli (trainer), Evans, Gyau, Phillips, Fraiture, Gamaldo, Grell. Front row: Raymond Crispin, Zito, Kerr, Browne, Roland Crispin, Fraser, Cortez, Diego. (Mascot: Tony Romero Jnr.)

The predominantly Greek crowd gave Olympiakos a tremendous ovation when they took the field and although the Greeks did most of the pressing during the first half the Hungarians went in at the half leading 1-0, after a rough 45 minutes.

Once again this game underlined the inexperience of Canadian referees in handling games of this nature, for soon after the Hungarians scored, Mr. Art King of Toronto completely lost control. Mr. King, who will be well remembered by the England XI who played in the Expo tournament in Montreal, and by Hibernian after their game with Cagliari, was completely taken in by the histrionics of the Greeks, and only the discipline of the MTK players stopped the game ending in a riot.

On one occasion Olympiakos half-back Aganian took a run at Istvan Salanki of MTK and butted him in the back of the head. This incident happened in full view of the referee, who awarded a free kick to the Greeks.

MTK scored a second goal before Olympiakos replied, and when finally George Sideris got the ball into the net, he and two of his team-mates were offside. The linesmen flagged but when the Greeks scored he pulled his flag down, obviously feeling that discretion is the better part of valour.

While the first two MTK goals were gifts from goalkeeper Liadelis, the third came from one of the rare flashes of brilliant soccer the Hungarians seemed capable of producing.

Inside-forward Istvan Sarkozi, who was by far the best player on the field, and of whom no doubt we will hear a great deal one day, ripped the Olympiakos defence apart with a great dribble and then laid on a perfect pass for Antal Szuromi to push the ball into the open net.

Not all the fighting in this game was confined to the field, for various Greek factions in the stands did battle over the pros and cons of the current Greek government, while officials of the Ontario National League and Toronto Hellas got into a hassle over the gate proceeds, add this to the quality of the officiating and the almost total lack of promotion and you have a fair idea of why soccer has never achieved major sports status in Canada.

Both the Canadian and American national associations held their annual conventions during July, not as one would consider normal, in the off season. Instead they seemed to prefer to change horses in midstream.

In each case it seemed that the effort was hardly worth while, and both were surrounded with an air of secrecy. The USSFA convention was held in a lavish hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, and featured the usual bickering over power and money, with the state associations battling with the national association and with the American Soccer League. In three days nothing of value was accomplished, and one observer termed it "an exercise in futility", and said, "the way in which proceedings took place and the location in which the convention was held would lead one to believe that soccer was already a major sport in this country".

Mr. Erwin Single of New York was elected president, replacing Robert Guelker, while Gene Edwards of Milwaukee, John Best of Los Angeles, Frank Kracher of Chicago and Phil Woosnam of Atlanta were elected vice-presidents. Woosnam takes the place of Dick Walsh, former commissioner of the NASL, who had so much faith in soccer that he turned to baseball.

Throughout this convention not one mention that it was even taking place appeared in the Miami press, and no national radio or television network was represented.

The Canadian convention which was held in Toronto brought about the first change in the presidency since Bill Simpson took over four years ago. The 75-year-old Mr. Simpson retires after many years in the administrative side of the game. For 16 years he was president of the Toronto and District Soccer League, and for 17 years was secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Football Association, his place as the Canadian president is taken by Mr. A. Sanford.

Trouble on the field has been causing the Toronto and District League plenty of headaches of late just as it has been disciplinary committees all around the world. However, the Toronto League seems to have found a way of making would-be trouble makers think twice. Two players have recently been suspended for life for attacking referees, while two others have been suspended for five years; drastic but courageous action.

LEAGUE TABLES

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kansas C Spurs.	8	6	1	1	29	16	59
Atlanta Chiefs ...	8	5	1	2	23	11	49
Dallas Tornado .	10	3	2	5	16	22	40
Baltimore Bays...	9	2	1	6	17	27	32
St. Louis Stars...	7	2	1	4	11	20	25

(Up to and including July 23, 6 points for a win, 3 for a draw and a point for every goal up to three.)

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE

League Tables

NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochester L'cers.	10	4	6	0	17	8	14
Syracuse S'pians.	10	5	3	2	20	13	13
Boston Astros ...	9	3	0	6	13	17	6
New York Inter .	10	0	4	6	12	24	4

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Washington Darts	11	7	4	0	28	8	18
Philadelphia Uk..	11	4	2	5	15	25	10
Philadelphia Spar.	11	3	4	4	10	12	10
Newark Ukrain. .	10	3	1	6	16	22	7

(Up to and including July 20.)

ARGENTINA FACE K.O.

ARGENTINA, within a fingertip of knocking England out of the last World Cup, begin disastrously in the qualifying tournament for 1970—beaten by both Bolivia and Peru ... Uruguay continue methodically towards a place in the finals ... and Australia, too, show that they may be a force to be reckoned with. This year, above all, international football cannot pause for breath.

For Argentina, successive defeats by Bolivia in La Paz and Peru in Lima look unbelievable in comparative terms of skill and experience. That they should actually concede *three* goals in a match, against the Bolivians, appears almost contrary to the laws of nature. For Bolivia scored through Diaz after only 16 minutes, and although Tarabini equalised ten minutes later, two goals in the quarter of an hour following half-time, by Blacutt and Alvarez, settled the match. Inevitably the altitude of La Paz, which is some 11,800 feet above sea level, had an effect on the Argentinians' play. But in the minutes following a half-time rest they should not have been at their most vulnerable.

Defeat was one thing; Argentina's unethical play was another. At one stage during the match police had to rush on to the field to separate brawling players, and at the end they used teargas to disperse the crowds—who were so incensed at the Argentines they tried to rush the dressing-room, even though their team had won, which seems significant enough. The bus carrying the Argentine players from the stadium was stoned and eventually had to take refuge in the Aye army barracks. Eventually the team was transferred to an armoured van and taken to their hotel under heavy escort.

Disgraceful

Argentina made an official protest to the Bolivian government, complaining that they had been assaulted by both the Bolivian police and by sections of the 35,000 spectators. Bolivia retorted that it was the Argentines' disgraceful play which sparked off the trouble, and Mario Maronon, one of their FA vice-presidents, said that Bolivia would not go to Buenos Aires for the return leg, as it were, unless they were guaranteed full police protection.

WORLD SOCCER BACK NUMBERS

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THE MONTH'S GAMES

Sydney: Australia 1, Greece 0
Montevideo: Uruguay 1, Ecuador 0 (WC)
Brisbane: Australia 2, Greece 2
Montevideo: Chile 4, Ecuador 1 (WC)
La Paz: Bolivia 3, Argentina 1 (WC)
Bogota: Colombia 3, Venezuela 0
Caracas: Venezuela 1, Colombia 1 (WC)
Guayaquil: Ecuador 1, Chile 1 (WC)
Lima: Peru 1, Argentina 0 (WC)

International Post-Mortem

ROGER MACDONALD

Argentina's unseemly record continued with another stormy match in Lima, where the Brazilian referee, Airton Viera de Morais, sent off Basile (remember him?) after 63 minutes for deliberately kicking the Peruvian inside-forward, Pericio Leon. The only crime committed by Leon had been to score what proved to be the winning goal ten minutes earlier, after a horrible series of mistakes in the Argentinian defence.

Behind the team that has sunk Argentina, admittedly not quite without trace, is a certain Brazilian called Didi. His prime task is to coach one of Peru's leading clubs, Sporting Crystal, and the national team has become a part-time, unpaid labour of Hercules. But Didi has never been in football for the money; and when the Peruvian FA were faced with the alternative of hiring Pedernera from Argentina at a cost of £9,000 for six months, or muddling through with Didi for nothing, they did not hesitate.

Attacking

Didi has achieved an *esprit de corps* in the Peruvian team not seen since the days back in 1957–59 when they almost put out Brazil and a left-winger named Seminario scored a hat-trick against England. More, he has set his face against defensive football, fielding attacking half-backs, sometimes even an attacking centre-half.

The strength of the present Peruvian side lies in its midfield trio, Mifflin, Challe and Cruzado, of whom Mifflin is close to world class on a good day: his perception is acute, he is a real touch player, with uncanny positioning and timing. And up front Peru have in Leon and Baylon two strikers with the individual skill and moral fibre to be left to their own devices, to beat opponents equally by ball control and will-power. Throw in a fast, elusive winger like Galhardo (albeit critically left-footed) and you have a team capable of toppling a giant.

So Argentina were left in the unnerving position of being unable to prevent Peru from qualifying for the finals, provided they could take three points from their two matches with Bolivia (as seemed probable), irrespective of what happened in Buenos Aires. And with the national coach, Humberto Maschio, resigning shortly before the World Cup qualifying matches began, their prospects of even gaining a play-off should Peru slip looked remote.

The truth is that Argentina have become so obsessed with the stories of corruption levelled against England and West Germany in the last finals, they have begun to believe in some pre-ordained revenge in 1970. All the time they have forgotten that with Rattin and Onega over the hill, qualification is no longer a formality.

Unexpected

No Argentina, perhaps, but almost certainly Uruguay, who took three points from their away matches with Chile and Ecuador, and always fancied their chances to win at home. But Ecuador offered unexpected resistance in Montevideo, and it was not until 18 minutes from time that Carlos Anchetta got the decisive goal—much to the relief of 50,000 anxious spectators.

This left Chile needing to win their three remaining matches, two against Ecuador and the away game with Uruguay, to win their group. They started well enough, beating Ecuador 4-1 at home after a goalless first half. The 75,000 spectators in the national stadium saw two goals from Valdes and Olivares, one of his a great shot from 30 yards, and a slightly lucky score by Ecuador's attacking centre-half Macias following a free-kick.

But in Guayaquil's Modelo stadium Ecuador put up a brave show in front of 50,000 frenetic supporters, and were a little unlucky not to win the match. As it was, they drew 1-1, scoring in the first quarter of an hour, a header from Rodriguez, and still leading at half-time. But on the hour Macias fell over his own feet inside the penalty area and Olivares scored a simple goal against the run of play—salvaging one point for Chile but not enough to keep them in the hunt for Mexico.

While Brazil kept a wary eye on Paraguay, wondering if an unexpected threat to

Albert Fouilloux pictured at the time of the 1966 World Cup with his bride Marcia Masso. A veteran of the 1962 series also, Fouilloux is still on duty for the national side. (UPI)

their **prestige lay just around the corner, the minnows of the group, Colombia and Venezuela, played their own home and away ties.**

Colombia were all over Venezuela at home, winning 3-0 and hitting the post three times, but again home advantage reduced the technical margin between the two teams. Venezuela twice missed by a whisker in a match that grew steadily rougher; and finally boiled over shortly before half-time, when the Bolivian referee, Rene Artur Ortube, sent off Colombia's outside-left Gonzalez following a fierce argument with the Venezuelan wing-half, Chico.

Colombia's distress was magnified when Mendoza scored for Venezuela from long range in the 55th minute, a goal allowed even though two Venezuelan forwards seemed to be standing offside. But Colombia stuck grimly to their task, and substituted Tamayo for Brand at inside-forward seven minutes later. The move was immediately successful, for Tamayo scored with almost his first kick to earn Colombia a point. But in terms of deciding who goes into the finals, both these matches must surely remain completely irrelevant.

Conquerors

So it looks like Peru, Uruguay and Brazil for the last 16. We still do not know who will join them from the Central American group, where the sub-sub group final remains to be played. In this, Haiti, conquerors of the United States, meet El Salvador, conquerors of Honduras in more senses than one. The games were apparently held up because several of the Salvadoreans are army officers, and have been engaged in other, more important duties. But at a special meeting in Curacao, FIFA's local committee fixed the ties for September 21 in Haiti, and September 28 in El Salvador —hostilities permitting, of course.

On the other side of the world, Australia, too, showed that they could surprise a few teams in the World Cup. A record crowd of nearly 55,000 saw them beat Greece 1-0 with a penalty, the first major test for their World Cup side. That it was no fluke was shown a few days later when the two teams moved from Sydney to Brisbane and drew 2-2. George Dedes got two goals for Greece in the first half, the second seconds before the half-time whistle, but Bill Vojtek and Ray Baartz equalised in the first quarter of an hour after the interval. The match ended disastrously for Greece, because their inside-left, Kritikoupolous, slugged Vojtek in the last minute and was sent off. I wonder the referee could spell his name.

Strongest

These two matches (neither Australia nor Greece put out their strongest teams in the third fixture) bear out the Australian coach, Joe Vlasits, who claims his team should reach the last 16. After all, Greece must have been trying in the second match, and much the same Greek side beat Portugal and drew with Rumania in World Cup ties earlier this year.

It seems Australia might give Japan a better game than previously seemed possible when their World Cup group opens at Seoul in South Korea next October.

The full list of games is:

October 1:	South Korea v. Rhodesia
	Japan v. Australia
October 3:	South Korea v. Japan
October 4:	Australia v. Rhodesia
October 6:	South Korea v. Australia
October 7:	Japan v. Rhodesia
October 9:	Australia v. South Korea
October 13:	Australia v. Japan
October 15:	Japan v. South Korea
	Australia v. Rhodesia

At about the same time Israel will be playing two matches with New Zealand in Tel Aviv, North Korea of course having withdrawn.

Finally, a brief look at the England amateur tour of the West Indies, a tour of contrasting results ranging from a goalless draw with Trinidad and an 8-0 thrashing of Guyana. The matches against Guyana were nearly not played at all, for England had a major row over hotel accommodation, turning down two hotels and reluctantly sharing the third with cockroaches. The team manager, Charles Huggett, said indignantly: "There was female underwear hanging all over the place." And they were complaining?

LATEST . . .

Bolivia sensationally beat Peru (2-1) to keep alive Argentina's slim hopes for a play-off . . . Uruguay qualify for the finals by beating Chile 2-0 . . . Brazil start brilliantly, beating Colombia 2-0 and Venezuela 5-0. Full details next month.

EUROPEAN CUPS PREVIEW BY

Star attractions among the cast

ARTHUR ROTMIL

REAL MADRID, Benfica, Milan—the household names of European football, who between them have collected ten out of the 14 Champions Cups competed for to date, were once again the star attractions among the cast assembled for this season's draw at Geneva on July 8.

Last year's tournament was largely devalued after the withdrawal of teams from the Warsaw-Pact countries, in protest against the rearranged draw following the Czech crisis. This term happily sees the return of the Hungarian, Russian, Polish, Bulgarian and East German champions.

When UEFA's organising committee met at the Hotel du Rhone, it was decided to seed ten teams who have at least previously reached the semi-finals of this competition, but also included Bayern Munich, the Cup Winners Cup holders of 1967. In addition, because of 33 entrants, one preliminary tie became necessary, to be played before the fixed first round dates scheduled for September 17 and October 1. Only AC Milan were granted an exemption and will play on September 10 and 24, in view of their Inter-Continental final for the unofficial world club championship against Estudiantes—these ties being arranged for October 8 and 28.

Acquisition

AC Milan, as holders, were fortunate to receive one of the easiest opponents in Luxembourg's inexperienced outfit, Avenir of Beggen. The Italians appear even more formidable than last year since the acquisition of Franco-Argentinian centre-forward Nestor Combin (29), who scored five goals in his first three games for them, during a recent international tournament in New York, plus a new midfield talent, Domenico Fontana (26).

The British challengers Celtic and Leeds were also blessed with relatively easy rivals. The Scottish champions and 1967 winners of this tourney should overcome Switzerland's Basle, whom they already once defeated on a 10-1 aggregate in the 1963-64 Cup Winners Cup contest. Leeds, who gained their European experience in 43 Fairs Cup matches but are complete novices in the Champions Cup, should dispose of Lyn Oslo, though the Norwegians nearly grabbed glory in last season's Cup Winners Cup, coming desperately close to putting out Barcelona. Leeds will look to their new centre-forward, Allan Clarke, transferred for a British record fee of £160,000—and hope he brings them more luck than he did to his two previous clubs, Fulham and Leicester City . . . both of whom were relegated. But Linfield Belfast will need an outsize portion of the proverbial Irish luck if they are to stop Red Star Belgrade, who run into tremendous form to overhaul Dynamo Zagreb for the championship of Yugoslavia.

The three outstanding ties are undoubtedly those featuring West Germany's Bayern Munich, a renowned cup-fighting squad who oppose and will most likely eliminate France's St. Etienne; Russia's Dynamo Kiev, a tough defensive side who KO'd Celtic two years ago and should prove too much for FK Austria, managed by the great Ernst Ocwirk, but somewhat too fragile for this type of contest and Bulgaria's Army team CSKA versus Ferencvaros of Hungary, the latter severely handicapped by a complicated injury to star forward Albert who in addition may be suffering from a psychological shock after being suspended from the national side for lack of effort!

There can be few problems for Real Madrid paired with Olympiakos of Nicosia (Cyprus) or Benfica, due to meet the winners of the preliminary tie between KB Copenhagen and TPS Turku of Finland. Last season's semi-finalists Spartak Trnava should also coast to victory over Hibernian La Valetta (Malta) and so will Fiorentina, the 1957 finalists, and now with a young, eager outfit against Oester of Sweden, whilst other smooth passages are in store for Standard Liege opposing Albania's Nenduri Tirana and neighbours Feyenoord Rotterdam, hardly likely to be extended by KR Reykjavik of Iceland.

The three remaining ties could be considerably tighter: Poland's Legia Warsaw appear to have the edge in European experience over UT Arad (Rumania); Galatasaray Istanbul of Turkey may prove too strong for Eire's Waterford and finally the well-drilled East German Army team Vorwärts Berlin must be favoured against Greece's Panathinaikos Athens.

Finalists

Last season's triumph of AC Milan meant that Europe's most coveted trophy returned once again to the Latin fold. The most incredible feature of this competition is that Latin teams have appeared in every final and, in fact, out of the 26 finalists to date only five were non-Latin! Eintracht Frankfurt, Partizan Belgrade, Ajax Amsterdam plus the two winners, Celtic and Manchester United.

Several newcomers to the international scene, two Second Division sides but also some old-established campaigners will battle for Europe's next best trophy this season—the Cup Winners Cup, now in its tenth edition. Here the winners have been spread more evenly, coming twice from Italy—Fiorentina and AC Milan; twice from England—Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham; twice from Germany—Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich, plus once each from Portugal—Sporting Lisbon, Spain—Atletico Madrid, and Czechoslovakia—Slovan Bratislava.

Only five teams were seeded this term, including, of course, the holders Slovan, who last season became the first Iron Curtain side to win a major European prize, in spite of—or perhaps because of—the absence of five teams from the Warsaw-Pact nations. Slovan will have a tremendous task in the very first round being paired with Dynamo

Reinhold Libuda of Schalke 04 and West Germany. (M)

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JOHN STONE writes

BREMNER KEY MAN

Scotland captain Billy Bremner.

ONE thing is already assured in this make-or-break season for Scotland at international level. When Bobby Brown's team marches out for the vital match with West Germany in Hamburg in October, they will certainly not be lacking support.

From Germany, I am told that thousands of British troops have been clamouring for tickets for the match.

The West German FA, catering for a 72,000 gate, allocated the Scottish Football Association only 4,000 tickets, 3,000 for the stand, the rest for the terraces.

The Forces stationed in Germany have been allocated only 500 tickets, and hundreds of applications from the British Army have poured back to Glasgow.

But knowing our troops, they will be snapping up tickets circulating in Germany for a match which will decide Scotland's World Cup fate for another year.

The West Germans have never failed to qualify and are hot favourites to top the group.

However, what should also be remembered is that they have never won an international match against the Scots.

I'm going to stick my neck out and say that Brown's boys, with Billy Bremner an inspiring skipper, will not lose in Hamburg.

I see everything depends on Scotland's match with Austria in Vienna on November 5.

The great pity is that Scotland cannot field 11 Billy Bremners, for the dynamic little Leeds United captain is probably the most inspiring player in British football.

Having tasted such tremendous successes as a Fairs Cup triumph and, last season, a League Championship with Leeds, Bremner has acquired a taste for World Cup glory, too.

He's heard enough about it from Leeds team-mate Jackie Charlton.

Obviously, there are others on whom much depends in Germany, but Bremner is the key. Indeed, he is the one player capable of snuffing out the talented Franz Beckenbauer.

Scotland must snuff out the Bayern Munich maestro if we are to have any chance at all in Hamburg.

My guess is that manager Brown will use Bremner as Beckenbauer's "policeman".

A draw could well be sufficient to force a play-off with the Germans who, I feel, despite their draw at Hampden Park, are not the force they have been.

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Talking of West German international football, it's interesting to hear that they are keeping a close watch on Gerhard Neef, brilliant young goalkeeper of Glasgow Rangers.

Not surprisingly, his Ibrox team-mates have christened him "Gerry", and the Ibrox supporters have been quick to follow suit.

Helmut Schon, the West German team boss, had Neef training with his Under-23 squad during the summer, after tremendous reports about Neef's end-of-the-season goalkeeping had filtered back from Scotland.

One official in Frankfurt was quoted as saying that Schon doesn't care where a player is turning out regularly. If he's good enough, Schon will pick him.

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On the domestic front, Celtic start the season as red-hot favourites to win the Championship for the fifth successive time.

Can anyone stop them? I cannot see it. Rangers, of course, will be their main challengers once more, but the Ibrox club, for all the money they have spent, do not have the same all-round solidarity as Celtic.

True, Rangers did the League "double" over Celtic last term—a feat I doubt if they can duplicate this time—and manager Davie White has been quoted as saying the only thing his players need to give them confidence is to win a trophy.

I doubt it being the championship. As usual, Kilmarnock, Dunfermline and Dundee United will press the Glasgow giants for part of the way but, come the spring, I fully expect to see Stein's supremos in their customary position. First place.

Manager Jock Stein's pre-season words were ominous to all Celtic's rivals. "I reckon that, because of the experience the team have gained, it could be easier on the run to the fifth championship than the first one."

Unlike most Scottish sides, if indeed any other, Celtic's strength is in numbers.

"We now have 17 or 18 players capable of taking a first team spot," says Stein, "and that includes seven international forwards."

Can any other club in Britain make a similar claim, even Manchester United?

AROUND THE WORLD STORIES

RUSSIA

THE Football Association has reacted firmly to a new round of violence in Russian league and cup matches and in recent months no less than 70 First Division players have been suspended, several of them for lengthy periods. Off the field, too, many of the top Russian players are falling foul of officialdom, missing training sessions and drinking. The 1966 World Cup spearhead, Anatoli Banischewski of Neftianik Baku, has been suspended for two years.

With a whole string of players suspended and more on the injured list, national coach Gavril Katchalin has been forced to produce young and largely experimental teams against East Germany (2-2) and Sweden (0-1). The fifth boss to be appointed in seven years since he last occupied the hot seat, Katchalin has a better record than any of his predecessors and might yet work a miracle. Amongst his achievements were the Gold Medal at the 1956 Olympics and the European Nations Cup of 1960—the only major honours Russia has ever won.

Lev Yachin made one of his rare appearances for Dynamo Moscow in the FA Cup quarter-final against ASK Rostov, but couldn't prevent the Army team from winning 1-0. The Moscow Army team, CSKA, accounted for champions Dynamo Kiev by the same score, though it was not until extra time that Berador Abduraimov (last season's top scorer and a cup finalist with Pachtakhor Taschkent) hit the only goal. ASK Rostov and CSKA Moscow now meet in the semi-finals to contest a place in the final which Division II Karpaty Lvov earned after beating Sudostroitel—conquerors of cup-holders Torpedo Moscow.

BRAZIL

A COMPLICATED situation has arisen in the Carioca (Rio de Janeiro) league where Fluminense, Flamengo and Botafogo topped the final table. Fluminense pulled in 350,000 for their last two games at the Maracana stadium to end the campaign two points better off than Flamengo and three ahead of Botafogo. But both the top two clubs violated FA rules and either or both could lose points. Fluminense fielded centre-forward Flavio while he was under suspension and Flamengo turned out three foreigners in contravention of the two imports per team rule.

Should Fluminense be fined two points a play-off would be necessary and this could produce the first 200,000 attendance since the 1950 World Cup Final. In their penultimate game Flu and Flam pulled in 180,000 and the leaders won a needle game by 3-2 against ten men. Argentina-born former Real Madrid goalkeeper Dominguez was sent off in that match and Flamengo boss, Tim, had to call a player off in order to bring on his substitute goalkeeper. On level terms a play-off should be quite a battle.

In the Sao Paulo competition Corinthians, now managed by former AC Milan star Dino Sani, managed a 2-0 win over Santos—their first success over the Pelé club in ten years. But Pelé & Co. took the championship for the third time in a row. Only on four occasions since 1954 have Santos failed to win the Sao Paulo championship and in the last six years the club has taken 44 major honours, including the South American club championship and the world club title.

Former CF Barcelona star, Evaristo de Macedo, lasted only a few months as boss of America FC and was recently ousted by Flavio Costa, chief of the Brazilian World Cup squad in the '50s but for some time out of the limelight.

SWEDEN

WITH one foot already in Mexico, Orvar Bergmark's prestige boomed following Sweden's 1-0 win over Russia in Moscow. In the '50s, when the Russian national team first began to venture away from Eastern Europe, Stockholm was their first "foreign" venture and they handed Sweden a 7-0 drubbing. To win in Moscow at a time when Russia's World Cup place appears to be in jeopardy gave Bergmark ample revenge for he himself played in the Russian disaster.

Earlier the home-based team Bergmark has built for competition with their Scandinavian neighbours in the Nordisk Cup took a step nearer winning the series, competed for over four years. Winning 1-0 against Denmark in Copenhagen, the Swedes now lead with 11 points to Denmark's four and three for Norway. Sweden and Denmark have been meeting regularly since 1913, which makes their clashes one of the Continent's oldest fixtures. In 70 meetings Sweden have recorded 33 victories to Denmark's 25, with 12 matches drawn.

IFK Oster manager, Stig Svensson, is having a hard time this year after winning the 1968 championship at the first attempt following promotion. Occupying ninth place in the 12-club top division he must be comforted by the fact that this year's promoted clubs, Sirius (Uppsala) and Jonkoping, are finding goals hard to come by and share the last two places.

One of the traditional giants, AIK Stockholm, are also having a bad time with one win and only six goals to their credit after 11 matches. As so often happens with clubs threatened by relegation, AIK had a fine run in the FA Cup and reached the final before losing 1-0 to IFK Norrkoping.

Leaders of the current campaign, which winds up in November, are Atvidaberg, two points clear of the Gothenburg clubs IFK Goteborg and GAIS. Promoted with IFK Oster in 1968, Atvidaberg owe a great deal of their success to goal-snatching prowess of their new international Ove Eklund.

EAST GERMANY

FC MAGDEBURG, winners of the FA Cup three years ago as Aufbau Magdeburg, took the trophy again when they beat FC Karl Marx Stadt 4-0 before a 20,000 crowd at Dresden. Dieter Erler, suspended for several weeks by his club, was forgiven in time to get a few games in and appear in the final but all his efforts were of no avail. Magdeburg were relegated after winning the Cup last time but bounced straight back with a new young team and in the 1968-69 campaign were always pressing the leaders.

FC Hansa Rostock fell away badly in the second half of the season. After looking as if they would romp away with the title they led at the half-way mark, but finally finished fourth after collecting only ten points from the last 13 games. In the final matches FC Vorwarts pulled away and, beating relegated neighbours Union Berlin 2-1 on the final day, clinched their claim to the title from FC Carl Zeiss (formerly known as Motor Jena).

Footballer of the year is FC Karl Marx Stadt left-winger, Eberhard Vogel. Vogel, 26 years old, had several fine outings with the national team and had a particularly fine match in the 2-2 draw with Russia at Leipzig. Since former national boss, Karoly Soos, returned to Hungary the East German squad has been taken over by Harald Seeger and Werner Wolf, who were formerly Soos's assistants.

Though not often seeing their squad in action last year, they have made up for lost time by keeping the squad active practically throughout the summer. Since the championship ended in June the Seeger/Wolf combination has played three full internationals, losing 0-1 to Chile; beating the United Arab Republic (Egypt) 7-0 and finally drawing 2-2 with Russia.

Still optimistic about their chances for Mexico they must take at least three points from their away matches with Wales and Italy, which is a pretty tall order by any reckoning.

GREECE

PROMOTING five young reserves, Panathinaikos led the way from the second match of the season to the last to earn for manager Petropoulos (former boss of the national squad) a

Russia Try New Players

LEV YASHIN

£1,100 bopus. In their final league match Panathinaikos lost 2-1 away to runners-up Olympiakos but six points ahead they were already assured of the title.

A month later the two sides met again in the classic Athens-Piraeus Cup Final before a 40,000 crowd. Sideris gave Olympiakos the lead early in the second half but Domazos hit an equalising goal and after extra time the score was still 1-1. Under the rules a toss-up was called for and Panathinaikos completed the double.

Winning both cup and league, Panathinaikos underlined the supremacy by establishing three new records. Their points total, 90, was the highest ever recorded and their defensive record—only 16 goals against in 34 games was the lowest ever—and their league success gives the club six titles in ten seasons since the national league was formed in 1959.

Olympiakos, runners-up in both major competitions, also provided the First Division's top scorer in George Sideris. Hitting 35 goals in 34 matches, Sideris took first place for the third time in his career and was ten goals clear of his closest challenger, Dedes of Panionios.

For several weeks it looked as if Sideris's tally would give him pride of place above all the European goal-getters and earn him the Torschutzenkonig trophy, now awarded annually by Adidas, the German football shoemakers.

Pipped on the post by Petar Jekov (CSKA Sofia), Sideris attracted several offers from foreign clubs, notably Olympique Marseille, but finally rejected them all in order to "help Greece qualify for Mexico".

MEXICO

AFTER the furore which the disastrous European tour evoked, the new management has settled down to the task of preparing the team for the 1970 Mundial. Raul Cardenas, manager of Cruz Azul, who took a cup and league double last season, has finalised his plans with the chief of the technical committee, Alejandro Scopelli. With the agreement of the First Division clubs, Cardenas will have his entire squad available for seven hours at least one day each week.

Prior to international matches and training games this period will be extended, but once a week from August 4 until December 31, when the current campaign is scheduled to wind up, is no mean achievement. From January 12 the national squad will be completely at the disposal of Cardenas throughout five complete months up to the opening matches of the World Cup proper.

On the domestic front international centre-forward Enrique Borja has been transferred from Universidad to America FC, and with 1967 champions Toluca topping the First Division table, Guadalajara FC have rehabilitated themselves after several seasons in the doldrums by winning the FA Cup.

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is allowed. Herrera maintains that before a game one must cut out everything heavy which might have an adverse effect on the liver. This breakfast rule is rigidly observed away from home; at home it is merely advised.

On Sundays, the pre-match lunch consists of chicken-liver soup. The Juve team have eaten chicken-liver soup every Sunday for five years, and those who objected had no alternative but to get used to it. Herrera wages a veritable crusade against drinking just before a match, and according to him, this is the soup which makes you least thirsty. Inter players will also have to watch the "sly fag" on the side—a smell of smoke means up to £50 fine and extra training.

The Inter salads will have an oil and lemon dressing: never vinegar, which Herrera considers really dangerous. The day before a match will also see the removal of the oil, to combat thirst and alleviate extra "pressure" on the liver.

The Inter players will be allowed one glass of wine with each meal, and no more —except after a match when they can drink all they like. As I said, there is a total ban on cigarettes at all times. As Cinesinho said to me last season: "If Heriberto sees you smoking, he doesn't tell you off; he just looks at you hard until you just have to put out the cigarette. If any of us has ever had a smoke, it's always been on the quiet. We have to slip out like schoolboys to the Splügen Brau Bar down the road, or hide in the back garden."

Apart from his "off-duty" discipline, Herrera is, of course, most rigid when it comes to the actual training. The 20-minute work-out in the gym, which acts as a warming-up session to the main training stint, begins with a shout of "Two metres, two metres!" This means that the players must form two parallel lines two metres apart, and keep the distance absolutely steady at *exactly* two metres.

This is meant to serve several purposes. The first is physical in that the player under pressure maintains a surrounding area of fresh air, thereby avoiding inhaling the tainted air exhaled by his team-mates; it has technical value in that it enables the player to acquire and maintain a regular working rhythm; and psychologically, it helps to stimulate the player's sense of self-control, and perfect his sense of positioning on the field in relation to his opponent.

The members of Heriberto's squad have to sustain this tight formation for prolonged periods. In fact, the coach is such a perfectionist that a player just starting to train again after a lay-off is not allowed to join the line-up immediately, for fear he might cause the others to lose their rhythm and concentration. This system, which is similar to that of Manchester United, has been given a name by the academic pundits—they call it the "parallel matrix technique" as it allows fantastic permutations of passing if it comes off.

But I doubt if Wilf McGuinness or Herrera call it that: as Alec Stock told me —"We've got names for everything and systems galore, but we're more interested in getting the ball into the back of the bloody net: goal-scoring does something for a team!"

PERONACE PACE !

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Before the players start their training, Herrera attaches a sort of code-number to each particular exercise and makes sure the players know which number stands for what. The series of exercises is always constant, only the quantity and intensity are variable, depending on how near the next match is. After the initial loosening-up, the players fall into formation. Herrera then shouts a command such as "One-ten", meaning that exercise one (press-ups, for example) has to be done ten times. And so on.

Herrera even controls his players during a match, by means of contract-bridge type hand signals from the trainers' bench. Here are three examples from his vast repertoire, provided by one of the Juventus team. To indicate to a player that he has done something wrong, he puts his hands together with the palms towards his face. To get a player to move around more, he signals by holding the index finger of one hand vertically, and placing the open palm of the other hand horizontally on top, forms a kind of "T". A closed fist in the other open palm means "Mark your man more tightly".

DRASTIC

This rigid system based on theoretical pre-planning and genuine hard work has been Herrera's hallmark for many years, and it will be interesting to see whether the 100-odd miles separating the Juventus ground from that of Inter will bring about any drastic rethinking. It is rather ironical that of the two Milan teams, it has fallen to Herrera's lot to find himself as trainer to the lesser organised. One wonders if his job would not have been easier with the more discipline-orientated Milan AC team.

However, "che sarà—sarà": we shall soon know whether the reign of Inter's first Herrera, the famous Helenio, who was their trainer from 1960 to 1967, will be successfully superseded by the dictatorship of Heriberto.

Much as I would like to, space prevents me from giving you a full review of the 1968–69 season as requested by C. Holman of Bristol in Readers' Forum.

However, the big headliners have undoubtedly been Boninsegna of Cagliari who was transferred to Inter for an all-time official world record of over £470,000, and Combin who was transferred from Torino to Milan AC for £240,000.

As Eric Batty explained in his *Soccer Star* world round-up: "Combin's career in Italy to date has been little short of disastrous for though a heavy scorer with Lyons (in France) three of his four Italian seasons have brought him only seven, two, seven goals and in four years his overall total is only 36. His best campaign brought him 17 goals for Torino when Nereo Rocco was in charge and Rocco, now the darling of Milano, should obviously know what he is getting. Combin is expected to play at centre-forward for Milan, who will switch their Brazilian star Sormani to the right wing to replace Sweden's Kurt Hamrin, who has retired. Alongside Sormani and Prati and with Rivera close in support, Combin could do well and forget all his past disappointments."

RETURNS

Apart from Herrera's transfer from Juventus to Inter, there have been fewer changes among managers and coaches than usual. Luis Carniglia, one-time boss of Real Madrid, returns from Argentina to replace Herrera at Juventus; Cade from Verona takes over from Fabbri at Torino, while Fabbri moves to Bologna.

Led by wonder-boy Riva, who attracted transfer offers which make the official world record just mentioned look like peanuts, the Sardinian team Cagliari looked for some time as if it might topple the big boys and win the Italian league. So this year, Italy have two teams in the Champions Cup, and Helenio Herrera's rejuvenated Roma side in the Cup Winners Cup.

It is to Fiorentina's eternal credit that they won the title under severe standards by Italian rules: they used only about 18 players during the season, refused to take part in the detestable transfer battles, and concentrated on dynamic attacking play—with the result that they lost only one game during the season, and were league winners by a pretty clear margin.

Rocco has concentrated on rejuvenating his forward line and dispensed with that brilliant veteran Kurt Hamrin; whilst Inter, the unhappiest side in the *Serie A*, in spite of a strong finish, ended the season by firing Foni and engaging Heriberto, as I have already mentioned.

There has been such a big revival in Italian soccer since the European Championship win in 1968 and the triumphs of AC Milan, that if Lady Luck should bring Leeds to the final of the European Champions Cup next year against Rocco's squad, they are going to find, like Celtic and Manchester United before them, that they have met their equals, and quite possibly their superiors.

APPENDIX

ITALIAN UNDER-21 TEAM-PLAYERS

	Born	Club
Goalkeepers		
BORDON, Ivano	13. 4.51	Internazionale
CHENDI, Walter	9. 2.50	Triestina
VECCHI, William	28.12.48	Milan
Full-backs		
BELLUGI, Mauro	18. 4.49	Internazionale
CARLET, Eddo	20. 1.50	Torino
LOMBARDO, Barino	9. 4.50	Torino
RIMBANO, Angelo	28. 1.49	Varese
Half-backs		
CUCCUREDDU, Antonello	3.10.49	Brescia
MAGHERINI, Guido	2. 7.51	Milan
NEGRISOLO, P. Giorgio	22. 7.50	Sampdoria
SPINOSI, Luciano	9. 5.50	Roma
ZANIBONI, Giuseppe	13. 3.49	Atalanta
ZECCHINI, Luciano	13.10.49	Torino
Forwards		
DOLDI, Giuseppe	19. 3.50	Atalanta
FACCHINELLO, Gianni	27. 5.50	Torino
GORIN, Duino	26. 3.51	Venezia
NOVELLINI, Adriano	2. 9.48	Atalanta
ORAZI, Angelo	12. 9.51	Verona
PAVONE, Giuseppe	15. 2.50	Torino
RAMPANTI, Rosario	13. 3.49	Torino
SPADETTO, Dino	25. 1.50	Internazionale
TOFFANIN, Antonio	19. 1.50	Reggiana

Here Linfield skipper and centre-half Sammy Hatton is obscured by the post as he goes down to divert a Liverpool effort during a pre-season friendly. Watching him are Roger Hunt and goalkeeper Bertie McGonigal. Liverpool won 2-1.

Re-vamped management

by COLIN McALPIN

CRUSADERS, who have matured beyond all recognition in recent seasons, began the new season with a re-vamped management committee and promises of a more professional approach to the game. The changes, dramatic and sudden, came in July when long-serving chairman Tommy Moorehead, secretary Billy Ferris and his brother Victor resigned from the governing body of the Seaview club.

It was, said new chairman, shipyard blacksmith Derek Wade (39), a lifelong follower of the club who lives just across the Shore Road from the compact North Belfast ground, only a little local difficulty which was quickly patched up in time to allow the new-look, ten-man committee to begin settling in.

The arrival on the Irish League scene of Derek, a comparative unknown to most people outside the confines of his club, is expected to herald brighter thinking from the Crues. Since they entered the League in place of Belfast Celtic, the club has been hampered by backswoodsman thinking and an almost unhealthy fear of progress. For years the club has laboured under the burden of being unfashionable and working class; often written-off by pundits before a ball is even kicked.

"Outside of the 'Big Two' and a couple of other clubs, Crues have as good a record as any in the Irish League. In the past we have kept faith with our supporters—like when we entered the Cup Winners Cup twice knowing it would cost us money—and now we are asking them to keep faith with us. All we ask for is time to enable us to settle into the job," said Mr. Wade.

"On the question of always being underrated, I really can't see why we are still called a Cinderella club. After all our recent successes—twice winners of the Irish Cup and winners of last season's County Antrim Shield Final—we can claim with justification to have a team capable of holding its own with any other. Just how long must a team operate before it is accepted?" asked the chairman.

The committee will shortly get down to the serious business of pushing on with the plans for a social centre at Seaview to replace the makeshift headquarters built after a fire destroyed the dressing-rooms a couple of seasons ago. Although the club is as solvent now as at any time in its long history—Crues came into being in 1896—the social centre will bring in much-needed cash for a football club that has suddenly realised the need to come to terms with the modern age of soccer.

For the manager, Jimmy Todd, the opening weeks of the season are worrying ones. Crues, you see, are infamously slow starters to the season and this term Jimmy, who re-signed all of last year's top players plus a number of promising youngsters, kept his fingers crossed for a snappier start. If they can get off on the right foot with a couple of heartening wins then they will be a difficult team to upset when it comes to the major trophies.

Several managers view the new format to the season—the League Championship will follow the Ulster and City Cups—as one which will make the title race an even closer one. They contend, rightly, that the clubs will use the Ulster Cup and City Cup to find their best combinations and top form so that when the League proper gets under way the early-season problems should have been ironed out. That, in short, points to fireworks and classic football with, I hope, lots of memorable football.

IFA president Harry Cavan sees it like that at any rate: "The new season will, overall, be an exciting one. At home a record number of clubs will be taking part in the European competitions—Linfield in the European Cup, Ards in the Cup Winners Cup and Glentoran and Coleraine in the European Fairs Cup—and on the international front Northern Ireland will be playing Russia in vital World Cup games. Ticket sales for the Windsor Park game in September are selling well and if we get to Mexico it will be a fantastic year for Ulster football."

Harry sees an increased improvement in standards with more and more clubs placing greater emphasis on young players and planned football.

The summer months, generally regarded as the "get your breath" time for the game, proved to be every bit as hectic as the season proper for Distillery. The go-ahead Grosvenor Park side spent the summer making the headlines with plans for a £40,000 social centre, and the appointment of a commercial manager—Morton McKnight—to exploit every possibility of raising money. With television coverage, he has come up with a fairly obvious method of bringing in the cash: sell more space to advertisers! It's just one of the items on his list—no doubt more will follow as Distillery, for too long in the doldrums, suddenly take on the role as the Irish League trend-setters.

And last season's breakthrough success—a run of matches without defeat, a new manager with the right ideas, a place in the Irish Cup Final and two players high in the goalscorers' table—is just the beginning. According to manager Jimmy McAlinden last season wasn't a success at all—"We certainly don't consider it successful. We didn't win any trophies. It was just the start on the road to better things"—but this season will see the real emergence of Distillery.

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WORLD CUP LATEST

GROUP ONE

Switzerland 1, Greece 0
Portugal 3, Rumania 0
Rumania 2, Switzerland 0
Greece 4, Portugal 2
Portugal 0, Switzerland 2
Greece 2, Rumania 2
Portugal 2 Greece 2
Switzerland 0, Rumania 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania ...	4	2	1	5	5	5
Switzerland ..	4	2	2	3	3	4
Greece	4	1	1	8	7	4
Portugal ...	4	1	2	7	8	3

GROUP TWO

Denmark 0, Czechoslovakia 3
Czechoslovakia 1, Denmark 0
Eire 1, Czechoslovakia 2
Denmark 2, Eire 0
Hungary 2, Czechoslovakia 0
Eire 1, Hungary 2
Denmark 3, Hungary 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Czecho'vakia	4	3	1	6	3	6
Hungary ...	3	2	1	6	4	4
Denmark ...	4	2	2	5	6	4
Eire	3	0	3	2	6	0

GROUP THREE

Wales 0, Italy 1
East Germany 2, Italy 2
East Germany 2, Wales 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	2	1	0	3	2	3
E. Germany	2	1	0	4	3	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	3	0

GROUP FOUR

Northern Ireland 4, Turkey 1
Turkey 0, Northern Ireland 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
N. Ireland...	2	2	0	7	1	4
USSR	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP FIVE

Sweden 5, Norway 0
France 0, Norway 1
Norway 2, Sweden 5

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	10	2	4
Norway ...	3	1	2	3	10	2
France	1	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP SIX

Finland 1, Belgium 2
Yugoslavia 9, Finland 1
Belgium 6, Finland 1
Belgium 3, Yugoslavia 0
Yugoslavia 0, Spain 0
Spain 1, Belgium 1
Belgium 2, Spain 1
Spain 2, Yugoslavia 1
Finland 1, Yugoslavia 5

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium ...	5	4	0	14	4	9
Yugoslavia...	5	2	2	15	7	5
Spain	4	1	1	4	4	4
Finland	4	0	4	4	22	0

GROUP SEVEN

Austria 7, Cyprus 1
Austria 0, West Germany 2
Cyprus 0, West Germany 1
Scotland 2, Austria 1
Cyprus 0, Scotland 5
Scotland 1, West Germany 1
Cyprus 1, Austria 2
West Germany 1, Austria 0
Scotland 8, Cyprus 0
West Germany 12, Cyprus 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	5	4	0	17	1	9
Scotland ...	4	3	0	16	2	7
Austria	5	2	3	10	7	4
Cyprus	6	0	6	2	35	0

GROUP EIGHT

Holland 2, Luxembourg 0
Bulgaria 2, Holland 0
Holland 4, Luxembourg 0
Poland 8, Luxembourg 1
Bulgaria 2, Luxembourg 1
Holland 1, Poland 0
Bulgaria 4, Poland 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria ...	3	3	0	8	2	6
Holland ...	4	3	1	7	2	6
Poland	3	1	2	9	6	2
Luxembourg	4	0	4	2	16	0

GROUP TEN

Bolivia 3, Argentina 1
Peru 1, Argentina 0
Bolivia 2, Peru 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bolivia	2	2	0	5	2	4
Peru	2	1	1	2	2	2
Argentina ...	2	0	2	1	4	0

GROUP ELEVEN

Colombia 3, Venezuela 0
Venezuela 1, Colombia 1
Colombia 0 Brazil 2
Venezuela 0, Paraguay 2
Colombia 0, Paraguay 1
Venezuela 0, Brazil 5

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	2	2	0	7	0	4
Paraguay ...	2	2	0	3	0	4
Colombia ...	4	1	2	4	4	3
Venezuela ...	4	0	3	1	11	1

GROUP TWELVE

Ecuador 0, Uruguay 2
Chile 0, Uruguay 0
Uruguay 1, Ecuador 0
Chile 4, Ecuador 1
Ecuador 1, Chile 1
Uruguay 2, Chile 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay ...	4	3	0	5	0	5
Chile	4	1	1	5	4	3
Ecuador ...	4	0	3	2	8	1

GROUP THIRTEEN (A)

Costa Rica 3, Jamaica 0
Jamaica 1, Costa Rica 3
Honduras 3, Jamaica 1
Jamaica 0, Honduras 2
Honduras 1, Costa Rica 0
Costa Rica 1, Honduras 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras ...	**4**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**2**	**7**
Costa Rica ..	4	2	1	7	3	5
Jamaica	4	0	4	2	11	0

GROUP THIRTEEN (B)

Guatemala 4, Trinidad 0
Trinidad 0, Guatemala 0
Trinidad 0, Haiti 4
Haiti 2, Trinidad 4
Haiti 2, Guatemala 0
Guatemala 1, Haiti 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
**Haiti ..... **	**4**	**2**	**1**	**9**	**5**	**5**
Guatemala...	4	1	1	5	3	4
Trinidad ...	4	1	2	4	10	3

GROUP THIRTEEN (C)

Surinam 6, Neth. Antilles 0
El Salvador 6, Surinam 0
Neth. Antilles 2, Surinam 0
El Salvador 1, Neth. Antilles 0
Neth. Antilles 1, El Salvador 2
Surinam 4, El Salvador 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	**4**	**3**	**1**	**10**	**5**	**6**
Surinam ...	4	2	2	10	9	4
N. Antilles...	4	1	3	3	9	2

Honduras 1, El Salvador 0
El Salvador 3, Honduras 0
Play-off: El Salvador 3, Honduras 2

GROUP THIRTEEN (D)

Canada 4, Bermuda 0
Canada 4, USA 2
Bermuda 0, Canada 0
USA 1, Canada 0
USA 6, Bermuda 2
Bermuda 0, USA 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
**USA ..... **	**4**	**3**	**1**	**11**	**6**	**6**
Canada	4	2	1	8	3	5
Bermuda ...	4	0	0	2	12	1

GROUP THIRTEEN (E)

Haiti 2, USA 0
USA 0, Haiti 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
**Haiti ..... **	**2**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**4**
USA	2	0	2	0	3	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (A)

Algeria 1, Tunisia 2
Tunisia 0, Algeria 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
**Tunisia ..... **	**2**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**3**
Algeria	2	0	1	1	2	1

GROUP SIXTEEN (B)

Morocco 1, Senegal 0
Senegal 2, Morocco 1
Play-off:
Morocco 2, Senegal 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco ...	2	1	0	2	2	2
Senegal	2	1	0	2	2	2

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Morocco 0, Tunisia 0
Tunisia 0, Morocco 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco ...	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tunisia	2	0	0	0	0	2

Play-off:
Tunisia 2, Morocco 2
(Morocco qualified on toss of coin.)

GROUP SIXTEEN (C)

Libya 0, Ethiopia 2
Ethiopia 5, Libya 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ethiopia ...	2	2	0	7	1	4
Libya	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (D)

Zambia 4, Sudan 2
Sudan 4, Zambia 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sudan	**2**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**6**	**2**
Zambia	2	1	1	6	6	2

(Sudan qualified, having scored more goals in the second leg.)

GROUP SIXTEEN (E)

Nigeria 1, Cameroons 1
Cameroons 2, Nigeria 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	**2**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**3**
Cameroons...	2	0	1	3	4	1

GROUP SIXTEEN (F)

Nigeria 2, Ghana 1
Ghana 1, Nigeria 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	2	1	0	3	2	3
Ghana	2	0	1	2	3	1

GROUP SIXTEEN (G)

Ethiopia 1, Sudan 1
Sudan 3, Ethiopia 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sudan	2	1	0	4	2	3
Ethiopia ...	2	0	1	2	4	1

The Bulgarian side which has been doing so well in the World Cup qualifying stages so far, pictured before the clash with Poland. Left to right: Gaganelov, Simeonov, Asparoukhov, Boney, Jetchev, Penev, Peshev, Kotsev, Ivkov, Kolev (T.), Dermendijev. (AT)

EUROPEAN LEAGUE RESULTS

W/E JUNE 29

Poland: Legia 6, Ruch Chorzow 2; Gornik 4, Pogon 0; Zaglebie Walbrzych 3, ROW Rybnik 2; Slask 1, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0; Polonia 1, Odra 1; GKS Katovice 0, Stal 0; Wisla 1, Szombierki 2.

Russia: Group A: Dynamo Kiev 1, Krilija Kuybyschew 0; Neftschi Baku 0, CSKA Moscow 1; Sarja Lugansk 1, Tschernomorez Odessa 1; SKA Rostow 1, Dynamo Moscow 0. **Group B:** Kairat Alma Ata 3, Lokomotiv Moscow 0; Spartak Moscow 2, Torpedo Kutaisi 1; Dynamo Tbilisi 4, Zenit Leningrad 0; Dynamo Minsk 1, Torpedo Moscow 1.

Norway: Viking 3, Rosenborg 1, Hodd 0, Sarpsborg 0; Lyn Oslo 0, Start 2; Fredrikstad 1, Skeid 3; Stromgodset 3, Brann 1.

Hungary: Vasas 1, Pecs 0; Csepel 4, Raba ETO Gyor 2; Honved 3, Salgotarjan 1; Egyetertes 0, Tatabanya 1; Komlo 0, MTK 0; Dunaujvaros 0, Ferencvaros 1; Szombathely 1, Diosgyor 1; Eger 1, Ujpest Dosza 4. **Midweek:** Ujpest Dosza 4, Raba ETO Gyor 1.

Yugoslavia: Maribor 1, Red Star 1; Rijeka 3, Dinamo 1; Partizan 1, Radnicki Nis 1; Zeleznicar 2, Sarajevo 0; OFK Belgrade 2, Proleter 0; Hajduk 3, Bor 1; Celik 2, Vojvodina 0; Zagreb 1, Olimpija 3; Velez 1, Vardar 1.

W/E JULY 6

Bulgaria: CSKA 4, Trakia 2; Krakra 2, Levski-Spartak 2; Lokomotiv 2, Akademik 1; Beroe 1, Tcherno more 2; ESK Slavia 6, Botev 1; Dunav 0, Marek 0; Dobrudja 4, Spartak 0.

Yugoslavia: Red Star 2, Rijeka 1; Dinamo 2, Velez 0; Vojvodina 2, Hajduk 1; Bor 2, OFK Belgrade 4; Proleter 3, Zagreb 3; Olimpija 1, Partizan 1; Radnicki Nis 2, Zeleznicar 1; Sarajevo 1, Maribor 1; Vardar 2, Celik 1.

Russia: Group 1: Dynamo Moscow 0, Dynamo Kiev 2; CSKA Moscow 2, Tschernomorez Odessa 0; Ararat Erewan 1, Neftschi Baku 0; Krilija Kuybyschew 1, Sarja Lugansk 3; Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 1, SKA Rostow 1. **Group B:** Lokomotiv Moscow 0, Torpedo Kutaisi 1; Zenit Leningrad 0, Schachtjor Donezk 0; Spartak Moscow 1, Pachtakor Taschkent 0; Dynamo Minsk 3, Kairat Alma Ata 0; Torpedo Moscow 0, Dynamo Tbilisi 0.

W/E JULY 13

Russia: Group 1: CSKA Moscow 3, SKA Rostow 0; Dynamo Kiev 2, Neftschi Baku 2; Krilija Kuybyschew 2, Tschernomorez Odessa 2; Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 0, Sarja Lugansk 0; Dynamo Moscow 1, Ararat Erewan 0. **Group 2:** Zenit Leningrad 2, Torpedo Kutaisi 0; Lokomotiv Moscow 2, Schachtjor Donezk 0; Spartak Moscow 4, Kairat Alma Ata 1; Torpedo Moscow 2, Pachtakor Taschkent 1; Dynamo Minsk 0, Dynamo Tbilisi 0.

JULY 16

Russia: Group 1: Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 0, Tschernomorez Odessa 0; Krilija Kuybyschew 3, SKA Rostow 0; CSKA Moscow 1, Sarja Lugansk 1; Dynamo Kiev 1, Ararat Erewan 1; Dynamo Moscow 1, Neftschi Baku 1. **Group 2:** Torpedo Moscow 0, Kairat Alma Ata 2; Spartak Moscow 3, Dynamo Moscow 0; Dynamo Minsk 2, Pachtakor Taschkent 2; Zenit Leningrad 1, Lokomotiv Moscow 1; Schachtjor Donezk 6, Torpedo Kutaisi 0.

SOUTH AMERICAN RESULTS

ARGENTINA

JUNE 22

(Metropolitan Championship)

Velez Sarsfield 0, Boca Juniors 0; Chacarita Juniors 2, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1; Lanus 3, Rosario Central 0; Colon 3, Banfield 2; Independiente 3, Atlanta 2; Estudiantes 0, Platense 1; Newells Old Boys 1, Quilmes 0; Los Andes 2, Union Santa Fe 2; River Plate 3, Deportivo Moron 0; Argentinos Juniors 0, Racing 2; Huracan 3, San Lorenzo 1.

JUNE 29

Boca Juniors 4, Independiente 1; Banfield 1, Velez Sarsfield 1; San Lorenzo 2, Chacarita Juniors 0; Rosario Central 3, Colon 1; Gimnasia y Esgrima 2, Lanus 0; Racing Club 3, River Plate 1; Deportivo Moron 1, Los Andes 1; Union Santa Fe 1, Newells Old Boys 2; Quilmes 2, Estudiantes 0; Platense 1, Huracan 0; Atlanta 0, Argentinos Juniors 2; (semi-finals) — Chacarita Juniors 1, Racing Club 0; Boca Juniors 0, River Plate 0 (River qualify for Final on superior goals for average).

JULY 6

Metropolitan Championship—Final: Chacarita Juniors 4, River Plate 1.

Argentine Cup — quarter-finals (first leg): Chacarita Juniors 1, Boca Juniors 0; San Lorenzo 1, Atlanta 0; Rosario Central 2,

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Lanus 0; Colon Santa Fe 1, Huracan 0.

Play-off final for National Championship place: Union Santa Fe 4, Newells Old Boys 3 (after extra time).

JULY 13

Argentina Cup quarter-finals (second-leg): Boca Juniors 3, Chacarita Juniors 1 (Boca in semi-finals on 3-2 aggregate); Lanus 1, Rosario Central 3 (Rosario in semi-final on points); Atlanta 2, San Lorenzo 0 (Atlanta in semi-final on 2-1 aggregate); Huracan 3, Colon Santa Fe 2 (aggregate 3-3, Colon won three penalties to two).

URUGUAY

JUNE 22

Cup Tournament, semi-finals: Rampla Juniors 5, Nacional 3 (after extra time); Danubio 2, Sudamerica 2 (Danubio qualify on superior goal average); Final: Rampla Juniors 3, Danubio 1; (third place): Nacional 2, Sudamerica 1.

CHILE

JUNE 22

Provincial Championship (last games): Rangers 4, Antofagasta 1; Wanderers Valparaiso 1, Everton 0; La Serana 3, La Calera 2; O'Higgins 1, Huachipato 1; Concepcion 2, Green Cross 0.

BRAZIL

JUNE 22

Carioca League (Rio) (last games): Botafogo 3, Fluminense 1; Vasco da Gama 1, America 0; Flamengo 3, Bangu 1; Bon Sucesso 3, Portuguesa 1. **Sao Paulo League:** Santos 0, Sao Paulo 0 (last game).

JUNE 29

Guanabara Cup (Rio) (first games): Fluminense 2, Bangu 0; Botafogo 0, Bon Successo 0; Vasco da Gama 1, Campo Grande 0; America 1, Flamengo 0.

COLOMBIA

JUNE 22

Presidencia Cup (first games): Millionarios 2, Once Caldas 1; Deportivo Cali 1, Nacional 0; Santa Fe 2, Bucaramanga 0; America 2, Medellin 1; Junior 2, Deportivo Quindio 2; Cucuta 0, Pereira 2; Tolima 5, Magdalena 2.

JULY 6

Cucuta 0, Deportivo Cali 1; Pereira 3, Union Magdalena 0; America 1, Millionarios 1; Santa Fe 1, Once Caldas 1; Tolima 1, Medellin 0; Junior 3, Bucaramanga 1; Nacional 2, Deportivo Quindio 1.

MEXICO

JUNE 22

Guadalajara 2, Vera Cruz 0; Universidad 1, Laguna 0; America 6, Oro 2; Atlas 1, Pachuca 0; Irapuata 3, Atalante 1; Torreno 0, Cruz Azul 1; Toluca 2, Monterrey 1; Leon 1, Nexaca 3.

PERU

JUNE 29

Universitario 1, Centro Iqueno 0; Porvenir 4, Sport Boys 1; Defensor Lima 1, Defensor Arica 0; Sporting Cristal 2, KDT 0; Atletico Grau 1, Carlos Manucci 0; Juan Aurich de Chiclana 1, Octavio Espinosa 0; Deportivo Municipal 2, Alianza Lima 0.

JULY 13

Universitario 3, Juan Aurich 3; Defensor Lima 4, Porvenir 1; Alianza Lima 4, Octavio Espinosa 1; Deportivo Municipal 1, Centro Iqueno 0; KDT 2, Defensor Arica 2; Carlos Manucci 1, Sporting Cristal 0; Sport Boys 2, Atletico Grau 1.

Bayern Munchen's Franz Roth will be all out to help his club retain both League and Cup in the new season. (M)

LEAGUE TABLES

POLAND
(Final league table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Legia	26	16	7	3	51	16	39
Gornik	26	15	7	4	50	17	37
Polonia	26	8	12	6	50	23	28
Szombierki	26	11	6	9	35	35	28
Z. Sosnowiec	26	12	4	10	32	33	28
Ruch Chorzow	26	9	9	8	34	34	27
Wisla	26	9	7	10	25	32	25
GKS Katovice	26	6	12	8	20	22	24
Odra	26	8	8	10	28	31	24
Z. Walbrzych	26	10	3	13	21	29	23
Pogon	26	7	8	11	24	30	22
Stal	26	7	8	11	18	27	22
Slask	26	7	7	12	19	30	21
ROW Rybnik	26	3	10	13	23	41	16

YUGOSLAVIA
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Star	34	18	12	4	75	30	48
Dinamo	34	20	5	9	75	33	45
Partizan	34	13	14	7	55	40	40
Vojvodina	34	15	9	10	42	44	39
Zeleznicar	34	15	8	11	51	38	38
Hajduk	34	11	16	7	47	38	38
Radnicki Nis	34	12	10	12	35	36	34
Velez	34	9	16	9	41	45	34
Celik	34	11	11	12	42	41	33
Vardar	34	12	9	13	37	36	33
Sarajevo	34	10	13	11	38	44	33
Olimpija	34	11	11	12	32	41	33
Ilor	34	9	13	12	35	46	31
OFK Belgrade	34	13	4	17	43	52	30
Zagreb	34	11	7	16	41	59	29
Maribor	34	7	14	13	33	57	28
Rijeka	34	9	5	20	31	52	23
Proleter	34	7	9	18	24	45	23

BULGARIA
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CSKA	30	22	3	5	74	38	47
Levski-Spartak	30	17	6	7	59	33	40
Lokomotiv	30	16	7	7	53	40	39
Tcherno more	30	13	12	5	44	27	38
ESK Slavia	30	15	7	8	54	33	37
Trakia	30	11	6	13	52	48	28
Tchernomorets	30	10	8	12	51	56	28
Botev	30	10	7	13	48	51	27
Spartak	30	12	3	15	44	52	27
Krakra	30	10	7	13	42	53	27
Akademik	30	8	10	12	32	35	26
Beroe	30	10	6	14	36	45	26
Dunav	30	10	5	15	36	48	25
Marek	30	9	7	14	34	46	25
Dobrudja	30	8	8	14	32	44	24

RUSSIA
Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo Kiev	18	10	8	0	25	6	28
CSKA Moscow	18	9	6	3	18	8	24
Dynamo Moscow	18	7	4	7	17	18	18
SKA Rostow	18	7	4	7	20	24	18
Sarja Lugansk	18	6	5	7	19	16	17
Neftschi Baku	18	5	7	6	16	18	17
Tscher. Odessa	18	5	7	6	14	17	17
Ararat Erewan	19	6	5	7	18	23	17
U. Swerdlowsk	18	4	6	8	9	19	14
K. Kuybyschew	18	3	4	11	16	24	10

RUSSIA
Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spartak Moscow	18	14	3	1	29	9	31
Dynamo Thilisi	18	8	9	1	22	7	25
S. Donezk	18	5	8	5	20	17	18
Torpedo Moscow	18	5	8	5	15	14	18
Dynamo Minsk	18	5	6	7	16	19	16
Z. Leningrad	18	5	6	7	14	18	16
Torpedo Kutaisi	18	7	2	9	17	27	16
Kairat Alma Ata	18	4	7	7	15	18	15
P. Taschkent	18	6	3	8	16	23	15
Lokomotiv Mos.	18	2	6	10	13	25	10

(Top seven from each Group form new division to play off for the Championship—keeping points, etc., already obtained.)

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ujpesti Dozsa	15	12	1	2	44	13	25
Ferencvaros	15	10	4	1	36	16	24
Honved	15	10	3	2	35	12	23
Vasas	15	8	2	5	37	21	18
Raba	15	7	3	5	31	20	17
Csepel	15	7	3	5	19	16	17
M.T.K.	15	7	3	5	24	22	17
Tatabanya	15	6	3	6	17	21	15
Pecs	15	6	3	6	13	19	15
Diosgyor	15	5	3	7	15	23	13
Szombathely	15	4	5	6	14	26	13
Komlo	15	3	6	6	10	16	12
Salgotarjan	15	4	3	8	10	17	11
Eger	15	3	3	9	14	31	9
Dunaujvaros	15	3	2	10	11	30	8
Egyetertes	15	–	3	12	5	32	3

CHILE
(final placings)

1.	Rangers	22 pts
2.	Everton	20 „
	Huachipato	20 „
	La Calera	20 „
5.	Green Cross	19 „
	La Serena	19 „
7.	O'Higgins	16 „
	Valparaiso W.	16 „
9.	Concepcion	15 „
10.	Antofagasta	11 „

(Top five qualify for National Championship)

BRAZIL
(Carioca League—Final Table)

1.	Fluminense	26 pts
2.	Botafogo	25 „
3.	Vasco da Gama	22 „
4	America	20 „
5.	Bon Successo	18 „
6.	Bangu	16 „
7.	Portuguesa	12 „

PERU

1	Universitario	14 pts
2	Juan Aurich	13 „
	Atletico Grau	13 „
4.	Municipal	12 „
	Manucci	12 „
6.	Porvenir	11 „
7.	S. Cristal	8 „
	Espinosa	8 „
	Arica	8 „
	KDT	8 „
	Alianza	8 „
	Defensor Lima	8 „
13.	Sport Boys	2 „
14	Centro Iqueno	1 „

ARGENTINA
(Metropolitan Championship—final placings)

Section A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boca Juniors	22	12	6	4	34	11	30
Chacarita Juniors	22	13	4	5	33	26	30
Velez Sarsfield	22	9	8	5	36	24	26
Independiente	22	10	5	7	28	25	25
San Lorenzo	22	10	3	9	37	27	23
Lanus	22	8	7	7	37	34	23
Gimnasia	22	10	3	9	28	27	23
Rosario Central	22	6	9	7	18	24	21
Banfield	22	6	8	8	24	36	20
Colon	22	4	6	12	22	45	14
Atlanta	22	2	5	15	18	37	9

(Top two qualify for semi-finals.)

CSKA held off Levski's challenge to win the Bulgarian title. Here a plain shirted CSKA forward is thwarted by four opponents during a league game. (AT)

Section B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Racing Club	22	14	7	1	45	16	35
River Plate	22	12	7	3	35	21	31
Estudiantes	22	11	5	6	33	24	27
Huracan	22	8	8	6	38	29	24
Platense	22	8	7	7	33	32	23
Quilmes	22	8	6	8	28	34	22
Newells O.B.	22	5	11	6	24	28	21
Union Santa Fe	22	7	5	10	24	26	19
Argentinos J.	22	2	9	11	17	29	13
Dep. Moron	22	5	3	14	16	38	13
Los Andes	22	1	10	11	24	39	12

(Top two qualify for semi-finals—see results.)

ARGENTINE CHAMPIONS

1931	Boca Juniors
1932	River Plate
1933	San Lorenzo
1934–35	Boca Juniors
1936–37	River Plate
1938–39	Independiente
1940	Boca Juniors
1941–42	River Plate
1943–44	Boca Juniors
1945	River Plate
1946	San Lorenzo
1947	River Plate
1948	Independiente
1949–50–51	Racing Club
1952–53	River Plate
1954	Boca Juniors
1955–56–57	River Plate
1958	Racing Club
1959	San Lorenzo
1960	Independiente
1961	Racing Club
1962	Boca Juniors
1963	Independiente
1964–65	Boca Juniors
1966	Racing Club
1967	Estudiantes
1968	San Lorenzo
1969	Chacarita Juniors

CLASSIFIED RESULTS

JUNE 19

Peru (0) 1 (Chumpitaz)
Colombia (1) 1 (Gallego)

Peru: Rubino; Gonzalez, Fuentes; Challe, La Torre, Chumpitaz; Baylon, Mifflin, Leon, Cubillas, Gallardo.

Colombia: Lagarcha; Segovia, Castro; Garcia, Lopez, Gaviria; Gallego, German Gonzalez, Lobaton, Jorge Gonzalez, Santa.

JUNE 22

Ecuador (2) 4 (Lasso 2, Munoz 2) 15,000
Colombia (1) 1 (Lobaton)

Ecuador: Maldonado; Quijano, Macias; Cardenas, Portilla, Quinteros; Rangel (Munoz), Bolanos (Contreras), Lasso (Malagon), Tapia, Espinoza.

Colombia: Lagarcha; Segovia, Castro; Gonzalez (J.), Lopez, Gaviria; Tovar, Brand, Lobaton, Tamayo, Santa (Ortiz).

JUNE 28

(World Cup qualifying round play-off in Mexico City)

El Salvador 3
Honduras 2
(after extra-time; score at 90 minutes 2–2)

El Salvador: Fernandez; Rivas, Amano; Cabezas, Mariona, Vasquez; Martinez, Quintanilla, Monge, Rodriguez, Acevedo.

Honduras: Varelas; Deras, Welch; Mendoza, Bulnes, Dick; Cardona, Marshall, Gomez, Rosales, Brand.

JUNE 28

Peru (0) 1 (Leon)
Uruguay (0) 0

Peru: Rubinos; Gonzalez, Fuentes; Mifflin, La Torre, Chumpitaz; Baylon, Challe, Leon, Cubillas, Gallardo.

Uruguay: Mazurkiewicz; Ubinas, Caetano; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Matosas; Cubilla, Rocha, Cortez, Silva (H.), Bareno.

JULY 3

Colombia (0) 0 43,000
Uruguay (0) 1 (Bareno)

Colombia: Lagarcha; Segovia, Hernandez; Garcia, Lopez, Segrera; Tovar (Tamayo), German Gonzalez (Agudelo), Lobaton (Brand), Jorge Gonzalez, Gallego.

Uruguay: Mazurkiewicz; Ubinas, Caetano (Mujica); Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Matosas; Cubilla (Zubia), Rocha, Silva, Cortes (Techera), Bareno.

JULY 7

Chile (0) 0 45,000
Paraguay (0) 0

Chile: Neff; Rodriguez, Diaz; Hodge, Laube, Quintano; Gallardo (Yavar), Valdes, Reinoso, Araya, Fouilloux.

Paraguay: Aguilera; Colman, Mendoza; Sosa, Bobadilla, Rojas (S.); Ocampo, Rojas (P.), Valdez, Godoy, Mora.

JULY 10

Peru (1) 2 (Cubillas 2) 30,000
Paraguay (1) 1 (Mora)

Peru: Rubinos (Correa); Gonzalez (P.), Fuentes; Mifflin, Fernandez, Chumpitaz; Baylon, Challe, Cubillas, Rojas, Gallardo.

Paraguay: Aguilera; Colman, Mendoza; Sosa, Bobadilla, Rojas (S.); Ocampo, Rojas (P.), Valdes, Godoy, Mora (Martinez).

JULY 13

Chile (0) 0 80,000
Uruguay (0) 0

Chile: Neff; Rodriguez, Diaz; Hodge, Quintano, Valdes; Araya, Reinoso, Olivares, Fouilloux, Yavar.

Uruguay: Mazurkiewicz; Ubinas, Caetano; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Matosas; Cubilla, Cortes, Zubia, Rocha (Forte), Bareno.

JULY 20

Norway (2) 2 (Iversen, Nilsen)
Iceland (0) 1 (Schram) 11,000

Norway: Kaspersen; Mathisen, Slinning; Bornoe, Eggen, Spydevold; Hestad, Nilsen, Iversen, Kvia, Dybwad-Olsen.

Iceland: Dagsson; Atlasson, Kjartansson; Schram, Fridtiofsson, Bjornsson; Hallgrimsson, Hafsteinsson, Gunnarsson, Thorolfur, Beck.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

(June 23): Paraguay (1) 1 (Ferreira) Atlanta (Argentina) (0) 0.

JUNE 25

Argentina (1) 1 (Lamelza)
Porto Alegre Select (Brazil) (0) 1 (Alcindo)

Argentina: Santoro; Sune, Marzolini; Rulli, Perfumo, Pascuttini; Lamelza, Brindisi (Cocco), Wehbe (Salomone), Basile, Tarabini.

Porto Alegre: Alberto; Everaldo, Sadir; Joaosinho (Tobar), Scala, Aureo; Claudiomiro, Elton, Sergio (Vava), Dorinho, Alcindo.

JULY 7

Bolivia 2 (Blacut 2) 16,000
Colo Colo (Chile) 1 (Beiruth)

Bolivia: Issa; Cayo, Agrega; Rada, Rojas, Herbas; Gonzalez, Alvarez, Diaz, Blacut, Farias.

Colo Colo: Araya; Valentini, Gonzalez (Gancas); S. Ramirez (Decoria), Piris, Aravena; Rodriguez (M.), Caszel, Sanchez, Rodriguez (R.), Beiruth.

JULY 10

Bolivia (0) 1 (Farias)
Olimpia (Paraguay) (1) 1 (Molina)

Bolivia: Issa; Cayo, Agreda; Rada, Torres, Herbas; Cabrera, Alvarez, Diaz, Blacut, Parada (Farias).

Olimpia: Martinez; Molina, Benitez; Sanguinetti, Achicaro, Paniagua; Gomez (J.), Gomez (S.), Rivarola, Perez, Viviles.

CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP

(semi-final)

(June 24): Anguilar (El Salvador) 2 Comunicaciones (Guatemala) 5.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB INTERNATIONALS

(June 30): Cerro Porteno (Paraguay) 0 Penarol (Uruguay) 0. Att. 20,000.

(July 4): Olimpia (Paraguay) (0) 0 Penarol (0) 0.

JULY 6

International (Porto Alegre Brazil) (1) 1 (Urruzmendi)
Racing Club (Argentina) (0) 1 (Basile)

International: Schneider; Lauricio, Edson; Tovar, Pontes, Valmir; Urruzmendi, Dorinho, Lamas, Chiquinho, Sergio.

Racing Club: Cejas; Wolff, Chabay; Aguirre, Perfumo, Basile; Lamelza, Zarich, Machado da Silva, Adorno, Salomone.

JULY 9

Vasco da Gama (Brazil) (0) 0
Racing Club (Argentina) (1) 1 (Machado da Silva)

Vasco: Paulo; Ferreira, Laurival; Alcir, Fernando, Orlando; Nei, Adilson, Luiz Carlos, Nado, Raimundinho.

Racing: Cejas; Wolff, Chabay; Aguirre, Perfumo, Basile; Lamelza, Zarich, Machado da Silva, Adorno, Salomone.

JULY 11

Quilmes (Argentina) (0) 1 (Bertolotti)
Penarol (2) 2 (Acuna 2)

Quilmes: Cavallero; Bertolotti, Martinez; Siciliano, Laginestra, Andrade; Cotton, Della Savia, Santiago, Reguera, Benito.

Penarol: Guerrini; Perez, Fonseca; Viera, Varela, Gonzalez; Abaddie, Onega, Spencer, Acuna, Etchecurry.

(July 12): Santa Fe (Colombia) 1 (Prospitti) Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia) 0.

ALPINE CUP

JUNE 14

Basel (3) 4 (Hauser, Benthaus, Sundermann, Odermatt) 6,500
Sampdoria Genoa (0) 1 (Frustaluppi)

Basel: Kunz; Siegenthaler, Fischli; Odermatt, Kirfer, Ramseier; Balmer, Benthaus, Hauser, Sundermann, Wenger.

Sampdoria: Ballara; Garbarini, Negrisolo; Delfino, Beltrami, Giuletti (Corni); Cristin, Morelli (Colonelli), Frustaluppi, Salvi, Coletta.

Lausanne (1) 1 (Vacassori o.g.)
Bologna (1) 2 (Savoldi 2) 4,500

Lausanne: Anderwegg; Weibel, Tacchella; Durr, Hertig, Lala; Hosp, Chapuisat, Vuilleumier, Polencent, Zappella.

Bologna: Vavassori; Roversi, Cresci; Gregori, Ardizzon, Janich; Muiesan, Pasqualini, Scala, Turra, Savoldi.

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SOCCERTISTICS

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Zurich (0) 0 4,500
Alemannia Aachen (0) 2 (Hoffmann pen., Tennbruck)
Zurich: Iten; Leimgruber, Stierli (X); Stierli (P.), Rutti, Kyburz; Winiger, Kuhn (Pellebgini), Kunzli, Meyer, Quentin.
Aachen: Prokop; Pawellek, Walter; Martinelli (Sell), Hoffmann, Hermandung; Kronen, Klosterman, Ionescu (Tennbruck), Krott, Beckmann.

Biel (1) 1 (Peters) 4,500
Eintracht Frankfurt (0) 3 (Lutz, Bellut, Nickel)
Biel: Tschannen; Juillerat, Zapico; Silvant, Quattropani, Knuchel; Bai (Renfer II), Peters, Renfer I, Leu, Serment.
Eintracht: Kunter; Lotz, Schamer; Kalb, Lutz (Racky), Linder; Grobowski, Nickel, Bellut, Holzenbein, Kraus.

Bayern Hof (0) 0 5,500
Verona (0) 0
Bayern: Strich; Peterzelka, Seifert; Sieber, Felbinger, Reiber; Stark (Maringer), Greim, Breuer, Achatz, Schonauer.
Verona: De Min; Ranghino, Ripari; Trebbi, Batistoni, Tanello; Madde, Mazzanti, Bui, Bonatti, Bonfanti.

Waregem (1) 2 (Van Horenbeke 2) 5,000
Bologna (1) 2 (Canzion, Nielsen)
Waregem: Van Damme; Ghyselinck, Van Maldeghem; Bettens, Strobbe, Berlean; Lammens, Hostijn, Lambert, Van Horenbeke (M. Millecamp), Vandevelde.
Bologna: Cuman; Micelli, Bianchi; Salvi (Canzion), Nardin, Stente; Montefusco, Panzanato, Nielsen, Scala, Barison.

JUNE 17

Basel (2) 3 (Sundermann 2, Hauser) 4,500
Waregem (0) 0
Basel: Kunz; Kiefer, Fischli; Sundermann, Siegenthaler, Michaud; Hauser, Rahmen, Ruefli, Odermatt, Wenger.
Waregem: de Meyer; Ghyselinck, Meirlaen; Bettens, van Maldeghem, Strobbe; Lammens, Lambert, Van Horenbeke, Hostijn, Vandevelde.

Biel (1) 1 (Knuchel) 3,600
Sampdoria (0) 1 (Frustaluppi)
Biel: Rosset; Juillert, Zapico; Silvant, Quattropani, Knuchel; Serment, Peters, Renfer I, Leu, Renfer II.
Sampdoria: Cattera; Negrisolo, Colcita; Corni, Delfino, Garbarini; Cristin, Novelli, Frustaluppi, Salvi, Morello.

Zurich (0) 0 7,300
Bologna (1) 3 (Savoldi 2, Scala)
Zurich: Iten; Rutti, Munch; Kuhn, Leimgruber, Kyburz; Winiger, Kunzli, Quentin, Pirmin Stierli, Meyer.
Bologna: Vavassori; Roversi, Cresci; Scala, Ardizzon, Janich; Pasqualini, Turra, Muiesan, Gregori, Savoldi.

Eintracht Frankfurt (0) 2 (Kraus, Holzenbein) 11,500
Naples (0) 1 (Barison)
Eintracht: Kunter; Jusufi, Schamer; Kalb, Lutz, Lindner; Grobowski, Nickel, Lotz, Holzenbein, Kraus.

Bayern Hof (1) 2 (Reiber, Greim pen.) 8,000
Lausanne (1) 1 (Zappella)
Bayern: Strich; Peterzelka, Seifert; Reiber, Felbinger, Sieber; Stark, Greim, Breuer, Achatz, Schonauer.

Alemannia Aachen (0) 3 (Walter, Krott, Hoffmann pen.) 7,000
Verona (1) 1 (Bui)
Aachen: Prokop; Pawellek (Bechmann), Walter; Martinelli, Hoffmann, Hermandung; Kropp, Kapellmann, Claessen, Klostermann, Gronen.

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Basel (2) 3 (Hauser, Benthaus, Belmer)
Eintracht Frankfurt (2) 2 (Holzenbein 2) 9,500
Basel: Kunz; Kiefer, Fischli; Odermatt, Ramseier, Michaud; Balmer, Benthause, Hauser, Sundermann, Wenger.
Frankfurt: Kunter; Jusufi, Schamer; Kalb, Lutz, Lindner; Grobowski, Nickel, Lotz (Racky), Holzenbein, Kraus.

Lausanne (1) 4 (Hosp 2, Chapuisat 2) 1,500
Alemannia Aachen (1) 1 (Krott)
Lausanne: Anderwegg; Polencent, Hertig; Durr, Lala, Tachella; Chapuisat, Hosp, Vuilleumier (Cina), Bosson, Kerkhoffs.
Alemannia Aachen: Prokop; Pawellek, Walter; Klostermann, Martinelli, Hoffmann; Krott (Hermandung), Claessen, Beckmann (Sell), Kapellmann, Gronen.

Zurich (0) 2 (Meyer, Pellegrini)
Verona (0) 1 (Sega) 3,900
Zurich: Iten; Munch, Stierli (X.); Kuhn, Leimgruber, Kyburz; Rutti (Pellegrini), Kunzli, Quentin, Stierli (P.), Meyer.
Verona: Colombo; Ripari, Ranghino; Madde, Batistoni, Tanello (Oracci); Sega (Traspedini), Vanello, Bui, Mazzanati, Bonfanti.

Biel (0) 0 7,300
Napoli (1) 2 (Sportiello, Barison)
Biel: Rosset; Juillerat, Zapico; Maillat (Silvant), Knuchel, Quattropani; Bai, Peters, Renfer I, Leu (Nussbaumer), Serment.
Napoli: Formisano; Nardin, Florio; Bianchi, Panzanato, Zurlini; Salvi (Canzion), Montefusco, Sportiello, Scala, Barison.

Bayern Hof (1) 1 (Schonauer)
Bologna (0) 1 (Savoldi) 11,000
Bayern: Strich; Peterzelka, Seifert; Reiber, Felbinger, Sieber; Stark, Greim, Breuer (Meringer), Achatz, Schonauer.
Bologna: Vavassori; Roversi, Ardizzon (Furlanis); Cresi, Janich, Gregori; Posqualini, Prini, Muiesan, Turra, Savoldi.

Waregem (2) 5 (Lambert, Paulicek 3, Lammens) 5,000
Sampdoria (0) 1 (Corni)
Waregem: Vervaecke; Ghyselinck, Van Maldeghelm; Bettens (M. Millecamp), Strobbe, Meirlaer; Lammens, Lambert, Dudoignon, Hostijn, Paulicek.
Sampdoria: Peterlini; Delfino, Garbarini; Negrisolo, Colleta, Corni; Cristin, Frustaluppi, Salvi, Novelli, Morelli (Colonelli).

JUNE 25

Basel (1) 2 (Odermatt, Wenger)
Napoli (1) 3 (Barison, Montefusco, Salvi) 10,500
Basel: Kunz; Ramseier, Fischli; Odermatt (Rahmen), Michaud, Siegenthaler; Hauser, Demarmels, Balmer, Sundermann, Wenger.
Napoli: Formisano; Nardin, Florio (Taddei); Bianchi (Sarnacchiaro), Zurlini, Panzanato; Sportiello, Scala, Montefusco, Salvi, Barison.

Lausanne (0) 2 (Hosp, Chapuisat)
Verona (1) 1 (Bonfanti) 1,000
Lausanne: Gautschi; Polencent, Hertig; Durr, Lala, Tacchella; Bossom (Baud), Chapuisat, Kerkhoffs, Kaser, Hosp.
Verona: Piccoli; Ripari, Trebbi; Ranghino, Batistoni, Madde (Mazzanati); Traspedini, Bui (Sega), Bonfanti, Vanetto, Oracci.

Zurich (2) 3 (Stierli P., Kunzli, Quentin) 600
Bayern Hof (1) 2 (Greim, Breuer)
Zurich: Iten; Rutti, Stierli (X); Kuhn, Leimgruber, Kyburz; Pellegrini, Kunzli, Quentin, Stierli (P.), Meyer.
Bayern: Strich; Peterzelka, Seifert; Greim, Sieber, Felbinger; Stark, Breuer, Achatz, Reisser, Schonauer.

Alemannia Aachen (1) 1 (Hoffmann, pen) 6,000
Bologna (0) 1 (Savoldi)
Aachen: Prokop; Pawellek, Walter; Klostermann, Hoffmann, Hermandung; Kapellmann, Martinelli, Claessen, Krott, Gronen (Bechmann).

Eintracht Frankfurt (0) 0 2,500
Sampdoria (3) 4 (Salvi 4)
Frankfurt: Feghelm; Jusufi, Schamer; Kalb, Lutz, Lindner; Grobowski, Nickel (Racky), Belut, Holzenbein, Kraus.

Biel (0) 2 (Knuchel pen., Peters)
Waregem (2) 2 (Bettens, Paulicek) 1,000
Biel: Rosset; Juillerat, Zapico; Silvant, Quattropani, Knuchel; Bai (Matter), Peters, Renfer I, Leu, Serment.

ALPINE CUP (final placings)

Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bologna	4	2	2	0	7	3	6
A. Aachen	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
Lausanne	4	2	0	2	8	6	4
Bay. Hof	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Zurich	4	2	0	2	5	8	4
Verona	4	0	1	3	3	7	1

Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Basel	4	3	0	1	12	6	6
Napoli	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
Waregem	4	1	2	1	9	8	4
E. Frankfurt	4	2	0	2	7	9	4
Sampdoria	4	1	1	2	7	10	3
Biel	4	0	2	2	4	8	2

(Bologna meet Basel in Final.)

FINAL—JUNE 27 (in Basel)

Basel (3) 3 (Hauser, Kiefer, Sundermann) 21,000
Bologna (0) 1 (Ciacci)
Basel: Kunz; Kiefer, Fischli; Odermatt, Michaud, Ramseier; Hauser, Sundermann, Balmer, Benthaus, Wenger (Demarmels).
Bologna: Vavassori; Roversi, Ardizzon; Cresci, Janich, Righi; Ciacci, Gregori, Muiesan, (Pasqualini), Turra, Savoldi.

The ALPINE CUP.

INTER-TOTO CUP

JUNE 28

Group 1: Servette (0) 0, Kaiserslautern (0) 1; Olympique Marseille (0) 1, Malmo FF (0) 1. **Group 2:** Szombierki Bytom (4) 11, Lugano (0) 0; Oster Vaxjo (1) 3, Go Ahead (1) 2. **Group 3:** Wiener Sportklub (1) 6, Djurgaarden (0) 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec (1) 1, SpVgg Furth (0) 1. **Group 4:** Bellinzona (0) 0, Orebro SK (1) 3; NEC (1) 1, ZVL Zilina (0) 1. **Group 5:** Young Boys (0) 2, Rapid Vienna (0) 0; IFK Norrkoping (0) 1. Hannover 96 (0) 0. **Group 6:** Austria Wien (3) 5, KB Copenhagen (0) 3; Saarbrucken (0) 0, Jednota Trencin (3) 4. **Group 7:** Linz ASK (0) 0, GVAV Groningen (0) 0; Frem Copenhagen (2) 3, VCHZ Pardubice (1) 1. **Group 8:** Esbjerg (0) 0, Wisla Krakau (1) 1; VSS Kosice (1) 2, Lierse SK (0) 2. **Group 9:** Beveren (0) 1, B 1913 Odense (1) 1; La Chaux-de-Fonds (2) 3, Odra Opole (1) 2.

JULY 5

Group 1: Servette (0) 0, Olympique Marseille (0) 0; Malmo FF 4, Kaiserslautern 0. **Group 2:** Oester Vaxjo 1, Lugano 0; Szombierki Bytom 1, Go Ahead 0. **Group 3:** SpVgg Furth 1, Wiener Sportklub 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 3, Djurgaarden 0. **Group 4:** ZVL Zilina 4, Oerebro SK 1; NEC 2, Bellinzona 0. **Group 5:** Hannover 96 1, Young Boys 1; IFK Norrkoping 3, Rapid Vienna 2. **Group 6:** Austria Wien 0, Saarbrucken 0; Jednota Trencin 5, KB Copenhagen 0. **Group 7:** Frem Copenhagen 2, GVAY Groningen 0; VCHZ Pardubice 2, Linz ASK 1. **Group 8:** Wisla Krakau 4, VSS Kosice 0; Lierse SK 4, Esbjerg 0. **Group 9:** La Chaux-de-Fonds 3, Beveren 2; B 1913 Odense 1, Odra Opole 2.

JULY 12

Group 1: Olympique Marseille (1) 1, Servette (1) 1; Kaiserslautern (0) 1, Malmo FF (2) 3. **Group 2:** Go Ahead (0) 1, Lugano (0) 1; Szombierki Bytom (1) 2, Oester Vaxjo (1) 1. **Group 3:** Djurgaarden (1) 1, SpVgg Furth (1) 3; Wiener Sportklub (2) 3, Zaglebie Sosnowiec (0) 0.

Group 4: Oerebro SK (1) 1, NEC (1) 1; Bellinzona (0) 1, ZVL Zilina (0) 2. **Group 5:** Hannover 96 (0) 1, Rapid Vienna (0) 1; Young Boys (1) 1, IFK Norrkoping (2) 4. **Group 6:** Saarbrucken 2, KB Copenhagen 3; Jednota Trencin 3, Austria Wien 2. **Group 7:** Frem Copenhagen (1) 2, Linz ASK (1) 1; GVAV Groningen (1) 1, VCHZ Pardubice (1) 2. **Group 8:** Lierse SK (1) 1, Wisla Krakau (0) 1; Esbjerg (0) 1, VSS Kosice (0) 3. **Group 9:** B 1913 Odense 1, La Chaux-de-Fonds 0; Beveren v. Odra Opole (match unplayed—both teams awarded a point each).

JULY 19

Group 1: Servette (1) 4, Malmo FF (1) 2; Kaiserslautern (4) 6, Olympique Marseille (0) 0. **Group 2:** Lugano (0) 0, Szombierki (0) 0; Go Ahead (0) 1, Oester Vaxjo (0) 1. **Group 3:** SpVgg Furth (0) 0, Zaglebie Sosnowiec (0) 0; Djurgaarden (3) 5, Wiener Sportklub (0) 2. **Group 4:** Oerebro (1) 1, Bellinzona (0) 2; ZVL Zilina (0) 2, NEC (1) 1. **Group 5:** Young Boys (0) 1, Hannover 96 (1) 2; Rapid Vienna (0) 0, IFK Norrkoping (0) 0. **Group 6:** KB Copenhagen (0) 1, Austria Wien (2) 3; Jednota Trencin 1, Saarbrucken 0. **Group 7:** GVAV Groningen (1) 1, Linz ASK (0) 0; VCHZ Pardubice 1, Frem Copenhagen 1. **Group 8:** Wisla Krakau 2, Esbjerg 1; Lierse SK 1, VSS Kosice 1. **Group 9:** Odra Opole (2) 3, La Chaux-de-Fonds (0) 0; B 1913 Odense (0) 0, Beveren (0) 1.

JULY 26

Group 1: Kaiserslautern (0) 1, Servette (0) 0; Malmo FF (1) 1, Olympique Marseille (0) 0. **Group 2:** Lugano (1) 2, Oester Vaxjo (0) 2; Go Ahead (1) 2, Szombierki Bytom (1) 2. **Group 3:** Wiener Sportklub (1) 2, SpVgg Furth (1) 2; Djurgaarden (0) 2, Zaglebie Sosnowiec (0) 1. **Group 4:** Bellinzona (2) 3, NEC (2) 3; Oerebro SK (2) 3, ZVL Zilina (0) 0. **Group 5:** Rapid Vienna (3) 8, Young Boys (1) 1; Hannover 96 (1) 3, IFK Norrkoping (1) 2. **Group 6:** KB Copenhagen (1) 1, Jednota Trencin (0) 1; Saarbrucken (1) 1, Austria Wien (0) 0. **Group 7:** Linz ASK (1) 2, Frem Copenhagen (1) 2; VCHZ Pardubice (0) 1, GVAV Groningen (1) 2. **Group 8:** Wisla Krakau (2) 2, Lierse SK (0) 1; VSS Kosice (1) 4, Esbjerg (0) 0. **Group 9:** Beveren (1) 4, La Chaux-de-Fonds (0); Odra Opole (2) 2, 1913 Odense (0) 0.

The Gibraltar FA Selection side which has been touring England amongst other places. Back row, left to right: R. Moreno, R. Fenton, R. Davidson, M. Mena, V. Guest, L. Martinez, A. Lazin, Mr. C. MacMahon (team-manager). Kneeling: M. Borge, A. Xiberras, H. Felice, W. Sharke, F. Felice, S. McClune.

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Zagreb, although the Yugoslavs have lost two stars in Zambata and Brncic, both having joined Waregem of Belgium. The organising body were less fortunate with the draw here for in the preliminary round (also necessary because of 33 entries), Rapid of Vienna clash with Torpedo Moscow—the winners to meet PSV Eindhoven (Holland) in the first round. Rapid, now managed by master tactician Karl Rappan, are an experienced side but at the moment troubled by internal strife, whilst the Russians, with some European routine behind them, can be a match for anybody — if they strike form.

British participants enjoyed mixed luck of the draw, but Cardiff look too good for Norway's Mjoendalen in this all-Second Division affair, while Glasgow Rangers should eliminate Rumania's Steaua Bucharest but must be praying that their supporters who disgraced themselves in last season's Fairs Cup semi-final at Newcastle will behave or else this famous Scottish club could be banned from European competitions. Manchester City, who last term on their début in Europe fell lamentably to Turkey's Fenerbahce, have an infinitely tougher assignment here, meeting Spain's redoubtable cup-fighters Atletico Bilbao, who boast plenty of European experience, and were Fairs Cup quarter-finalists for the past two years. A win for the Spaniards should come as no surprise whilst a success for City will perhaps open the way for one of England's most attractively attacking sides to further glory in this contest.

Another delicately poised tie will feature East Germany's powerful Magdeburg against the 1964 finalists MTK Budapest, while Dukla Prague, for all their experience, may have trouble with France's most ambitious club Olympique Marseille, who acquired a couple of useful forwards in international winger Loubet in addition to the former Bordeaux star with the improbable name of Couécou. Poland's most famous post-war team, Górnik Zabrze, with one of Europe's most prolific goal-scorers, Lubanski, should edge out Olympiakos of Greece though it won't be easy, but of the Irish entries Shamrock Rovers seem to stand little chance against West Germany's Schalke, splendidly led by manager Rudi Gutendorf, and even less hope have Ards versus Italy's AS Roma, banned from the Fairs Cup for two years in 1965 but now guided by the one-time Inter-Milan "magician", Helenio Herrera, hoping to make another spectacular showing in Europe.

Little to beat have Lierse of Belgium on their début in European tournaments, meeting Apoel Nicosia (Cyprus), or Levski-Spartak who field another feared goalgetter in Asparoukhov, and drawn against Valur Reykjavik, though the Icelanders held mighty Benfica to a goalless draw on their ground last year, plus Academica Coimbra—the university team from Portugal—faced with Palloseura Kuopio (Finland).

Sweden's Norrköping will not be unduly worried by Sliema Wanderers (Malta), who will be weakened by the absence of Cini, suspended after running amok on the pitch at Randers in Denmark, and Darmanin, who has been banned for a year after assaulting a linesman at the end of the return game. Goeztepe Izmir of Turkey, who enjoyed two fine runs in the Fairs Cup recently, beating Antwerp, Atletico Madrid, Olympique Marseille, Argesul (Rumania) and OFK Belgrade and reached the semi-finals last season, should put out Union Luxembourg, who hold the doubtful distinction of having crushed out of the Fairs Cup once to Cologne, on a record 0-17 aggregate! The remaining tie between European newcomers St. Gallen of Switzerland and Frem Copenhagen could go either way, bearing in mind that in the past two years Swiss champions fell on each occasion to Danish teams.

Of the 33 countries affiliated to UEFA only Albania's cup winners Dynamo Tirana have not entered, their place being taken by the Welsh, who are not represented in the Champions Cup.

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